

be fully relieved of that misery whereof I complained unto thee before, that is to wit, that albeit thou straitly commanded that I should love the will all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my power, yet I do not this which is to the great peril of my soul. But now if I may obtain thy most holy spirit he shall make me to love thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my power, for he is the principal author of all good love, he filleth the souls in whom he is received with abundance of charity, he is the very furnace of charity, he is the very fountain of all gracious affections, and he maketh their minds sweetly to burn in all godly desires and giveth unto them strength and power courageously to follow all ghostly affections and specially towards thee.

Wherefore dear Father, when thou hast straightly commanded me thus to love thee with all my heart, and thus I would right gladly do, but without thy help and without thy holy spirit I cannot perform the same. I beseech thee shed upon my heart thy most holy spirit, by whose gracious presence I may be warmed, heated and kindled with the spiritual fire of charity and with the sweet burning love of all ghostly affections, that I may fastly set my heart, soul and mind upon thee, and surely trust that thou art my well beloved Father. And according to the same I may love thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my power. Amen.

ERRATUM: A correspondent has pointed out that, in the article 'Tasting God' by Philip Barry, in our last issue (June, p. 543), the reference for the words 'By love he can be gotten and holden . . .' is to *The Cloud of Unknowing*, not to Mother Julian of Norwich.—
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