



TAKE BACK MY WILL

Take back my will, O Source of all, take back my will; for if I can suspend it one instant before You, the torrents of Your Life and Light, having nothing to resist them, shall pour impetuously within me. Help me to break down the woeful barriers that divide me from You; arm me against myself; triumph within me over all Your enemies and mine by subduing my will. O Eternal Principle of all joy and of all truth! When shall I be so renewed as no longer to be conscious of self, save in the permanent affection of Your exclusive and vivifying will? When shall every kind of privation appear to me a profit and an advantage, by preserving me from all bondage, and leaving me ample means to bind myself to the freedom of Your spirit and wisdom?

— Adapted from the prayers of
Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin