

## Prayer of the Month • December 2015 /January 2016

Lord, make us apt to teach, but more apt to learn; that we may not only desire to reveal to others what thou hast revealed to us, but with humble and thankful heart to learn of them what they have learned of thee; for Jesus Christ's sake.

George Wallace Briggs, 1875-1959

This short prayer creates a sense of balance between learning and teaching, recognising our responsibility to do both. Motivation is important – ‘the desire to reveal to others’, and then, out of ‘a humble and thankful heart’, the desire to learn, through others, from God himself. It would be a good prayer for a New Year resolution.

G. W. Briggs was a Canon of Worcester Cathedral. He compiled a book called *The Daily Service*, which was published in 1936, and collaborated with Eric Milner-White on *Daily Prayer*, (1941) which made a collection of beautiful ancient prayers available to a wider readership. The editors state in their preface that, ‘it has become evident that our national history might almost be written in terms of prayer’.

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