

PRAYER for NOVEMBER 2014

*"The Saints on earth, and those above,
But one communion make;
Joined to their Lord in bonds of love,
All of His grace partake."*

While some believe it's impossible to know whether there is life after death, belief in immortality is a timeless phenomenon. From the pyramids of the Egyptians to the reincarnation of New Age thinking, people of all times and places in history have believed that the human soul survives death. If there is no consciousness or laughter or regret beyond the grave, then life has fooled almost everyone from the Pharaohs of Egypt to Jesus of Nazareth.

A Parable

In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the stem of the lilies to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what is above the water line and what happens to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on top of a lily pad, and went through a glorious transformation which made him into a dragonfly with beautiful wings.



In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realised that, even if they could see him, they would not recognise such a radiant creature as one of their number.

The fact that we cannot see our friends or communicate with them after the transformation we call death, is no proof that they cease to exist!