

HOW GOD ANSWERS

We do not know how we should pray,
a verse in Scripture states,
but never fret about the way
this fact of faith relates:

If our request is not quite right
or wouldn't help us grow
or leads us off the path of light,
why then, He answers, "No."

Or, if He knows omnisciently
we're wrong about the date
we think He ought to hear our plea,
then He will answer, "Wait."

And if it's discipline we need,
while asking Him to bless
in ways that feed our lust and greed,
sometimes He answers, "Yes."

But guidance in petitions true
is free for anyone
who'll seek the Holy Spirit's view
and pray, "Thy will be done."

— *David L. Hatton, 5/11/2016*