

Prayer Space N° 21 October 2021

Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

Creator God, we glimpse your beauty
in setting sun, mountain top, eagle's wing.
We sense your power in thunder crash,
lightning flash and ocean's roar.
Creator God we praise you

Precious Jesus, we see your love
stretched out upon a cruel cross.
We stand in awe at your sacrifice,
pure love poured out for humankind.
Precious Jesus we praise you

Holy Spirit, we see your power
in lives transformed, hearts on fire.
We listen for your still, small voice,
comforting, guiding, calling.
Holy Spirit we praise you

Spend a moment asking God for real wisdom for this day, in the words you use, the decisions that you will make and the actions that you will take. Take time to ask for forgiveness for those times when you have let yourself down.

In our moments of doubt
and unbelief,
when worldly pressure
or circumstance
become the distance
between us,
draw near, we pray.
Remind us of the grace
that we first knew,
your healing touch,
the Father's love,
the Spirit's breath.
Grant us courage,
a faith that endures
and the sure knowledge
that you are with us
in our journeying,
now and always.

Listen to the words of comfort from the Psalmist:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

(Psalm 46:1-3)

Set our hearts on fire with love of thee, O Christ our God,
that in that flame we may love thee with all our heart,
with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
so that, keeping thy commandments,
we may glorify thee, the giver of all good gifts.

Source unknown (Eastern Orthodox)

For the glory of the heavens
set above us,
the majesty of the earth
surrounding us
and the mysteries of nature
that amaze us,
we stand in awe and thank you.
For your love which every day
has cared for us,
the protection of your arms
which shelter us
and the mystery of your grace
offered to us,
we stand in awe and thank you.

- 1 Take this moment, sign, and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.
- 2 Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.
- 3 Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
- 4 Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

5 Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet,
let it still be me.

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