

Compline – Wednesday, June 11, 2020

Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell

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“BLESSED ARE THE FORGIVING FOR THEY ARE FREE” (MATT 5:7)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Not because
we have made peace this day.
Not because
we have treated the other as our self.
Not because
we have walked the earth with reverence today
but because there is mercy
because there is grace
because your Spirit has not been taken from us
we come
still thirsting for peace
still longing to love
still hungering for wholeness.

(Be still and aware)

As far as the east is from the west so far does God remove our sin from us (Psalm 103:12)

Pause

Do not judge and you will not be judged (Matthew 7:1)

Pause

Do not walk proudly on the earth. You cannot rival the mountains in stature.
(Quran – The Night Journey 17.37)

(Be still and aware)

Poem – “Song” by Alecia Ostriker
Some claim the origin of song
was a war cry
some say it was a rhyme
telling the farmers when to plant and reap

don't they know the first song was a lullaby
pulled from a mother's sleep
said the old woman

A significant
factor generating my delight in being
alive this springtime
is the birdsong
that like a sweeping mesh has captured me
like diamond rain I can't
hear it enough said the tulip

lifetime after lifetime
we surged up the hill
I and my dear brothers
thirsty for blood
uttering
our beautiful songs
said the dog

(a moment of silence for reflection)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF BLESSING

In the coming hours of darkness
may there be light in our dreams.
In the stillness of sleep
may there be strength for our souls.

In the wakeful watches of night
May there be peace in our minds.
Light for a new vision
Strength to make sacrifice
peace for our world.
On the pathways of earth's journey this night
let there be peace.

Sources:

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