

Compline – Monday, September 7, 2020

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

Opening

Blessed are those who weep, for their tears will be wiped away (Matthew 5.4)

Prayer of Awareness

At the setting of the sun
in the darkness of the night
with the brightness of the moon in its splendor
we move with the earth as it turns
we are carried by the hours in their passing
we enter the dark with our years
to seek shelter in night's sanctuary
to find strength for our souls
to know peace in our prayers and our resting.

At the setting of the sun
in the darkness of the night
with the brightness of the moon in its splendor
we seek peace.

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around

Scripture and Meditation

God heals the brokenhearted and binds their wounds (Psalm 147:3)

Do not be afraid. I am with you always (Matthew 28:10,20)

In the remembrance of God our hearts are comforted (Quran – Thunder 13.28)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Our heart is comforted
In its awareness of You
Soul within our soul
Life within all life.
Our heart is comforted
In remembering You
Giver of this day
Gift of every moment
May we be bearers of comfort.
May we be strong in our soul
to cry at the wrongs of nations
to weep with the bleeding earth

to mourn with those who mourn this night
in the loss of life and lands
in the loss of dreams and hope.
May we be strong in our soul this night.

Pray for peace

Poem – “A Star” by Patrick Kavanagh

Beauty was that
Far vanished flame,
Call it a star
Wanting better name.

And gaze and gaze
Vaguely until
Nothing is left
Save a grey ghost-hill.

Here wait I
On the world's rim
Stretching out hands
To Seraphim.

Closing Prayer

Peace for the earth and its creatures
peace for the world and its peoples
Peace for our fathers
peace four our mothers
Peace for our siblings.
The peace of heaven's vastness
the peace of ocean depths
the peace of earth's stillness
to bless us in the night
to bless us this night.

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