

Compline – Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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

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"BLESSED ARE HUMBLE, FOR THEY ARE CLOSE TO THE SACRED EARTH" (MATT 5:5)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

At the ending of the day
in the quiet of the hours
at the interplay of light and dark
we wait with the earth as it rests
that we may give thanks for darkness
that we may open to the night's senses
that we may remember the ground from which we come
and know You
as Presence in the mystery
as Evening Breeze in our soul
as Everlasting Strength in earth's body.
At the ending of the day we wait
that we may know you
as Lover of the night
as Lover in the night

(Be still and aware)

God leads the humble in what is right (Psalm 25:9)

Pause

The Son of Humankind came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28)

Pause

God has brought you forth from the earth like a plant and to the earth God will restore you.
(Quran – Noah 71.17-18)

(Be still and aware)

Poem – "Moon" by Kathleen Jamie

Last night, when the moon
slipped into my attic room
as an oblong of light,

I sensed she'd come to commiserate.

It was August. She traveled
with a small valise
of darkness, and the first few stars
returning to the northern sky,

and my room, it seemed,
had missed her. She pretended
an interest in the bookcase
while other objects

stirred, as in a rock pool,
with unexpected life:
strings of beads in their green bowl gleamed,
the paper-crowded desk;

the books, too, appeared inclined
to open and confess.
Being sure the moon
harbored some intention,

I waited; watched for an age
her cool gaze shift
first toward a flower sketch
pinned on the far wall

then glide down to recline
along the pinewood floor,
before I'd had enough. *Moon,*
I said, *We're both scarred now.*

*Are they quite beyond you,
the simple words of love? Say them.
You are not my mother;
with my mother, I waited unto death.*

(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

Glory be to you
Great Creating Spirit
who shines in distant stars beyond numbering.
And on earth peace.
Glory be to you
Great Creating Spirit
who sings and wings in birds on high.
And on earth peace.
Glory be to you
Great Creating Spirit
whose thunder shakes the shining firmament
And on earth peace.
Glory, glory, glory
And on earth peace.

Sources:

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