

Compline – Saturday, November 14, 2020

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

### **Opening**

Blessed are the peacemakers for they are born of God (Matthew 5.9)

### **Prayer of Awareness**

It is because we long for peace, that we pray.

It is because we hope for wholeness, that we hunger.

It is because we need forgiveness, that we seek new beginnings.

So we come

entering the depths of our soul to plead for peace

to summon wholeness

to beg for forgiveness of ourselves and one another

and thus of You

Soul within our soul

Light within our longings

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

### **Scripture and Meditation**

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth (Psalm 46.9)

Love your enemy and pray for those who harm you (Matthew 5.44)

God created us as one soul and as one soul God will bring us back to life

(Quran – Luqman 31.28)

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Created as one soul

made in the holy image

our deepest desires are Your desires

our first instincts are Your instincts

Renew us in our sacred longings

revive in us our first thirsts

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***Pray for peace***

**Poem – “Trust” by Lizette Woodworth Reese**

I am thy grass, O Lord!  
I grow up sweet and tall  
But for a day; beneath Thy sword  
To lie at evenfall.

Yet have I not enough  
In that brief day of mine?  
The wind, the bees, the wholesome stuff  
The sun pours out like wine.

Behold, this is my crown;  
Love will not let me be;  
Love holds me here; Love cuts me down;  
And it is well with me.

Lord, Love, keep it but so;  
Thy purpose is full plain;  
I die that after I may grow  
As tall, as sweet again.

### **Closing Prayer**

Peace be ours  
the peace of the One be ours, that we may be one and many  
that we may be bound and free  
that we may be prisoners to love and fly like doves.  
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