

Compline – Saturday, June 6, 2020

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

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"BLESSED ARE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY ARE BORN OF GOD" (MATT 5:9)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

It is because we long for peace
that we pray.
It is because 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 forgiveness
of ourselves and one another
and thus of You
Soul within our soul
Light within our longings.

(Be still and aware)

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth. (Psalm 46:9)

Pause

Love your enemy and pray for those who harm you. (Matthew 5:44)

Pause

God created us as one soul and as one soul God will bring us back to life.
(Quran – Luqman 31:28)

(Be still and aware)

Poem – "The Quiet Hour" by Jonathan David

When the hour is hushed and you lie still,
So quiet is the room about me
It seems perhaps that you are gone,

Sunken to a marble sleep.

I hear no sound; my quiet will,
Passive as the lambs at rest,
Stirs not the quaint forgetfulness
But only murmurs, "Sleep is strange!"

The low moon at the lattice going
Rests no more quietly than you at peace.
Hushed is the candle; the hour is late,
And I, poor witness of extreme change,

I think perhaps then heaven opens
Like the unfolding of your hand in sleep—
Your cold white hand—to close again—
While I sit staring at the marble gate.

(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

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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