

## Shower the People James Taylor

You can play the game and you can act out the part,  
even though you know it wasn't written for you.  
Tell me, how can you stand there with your broken heart  
ashamed of playing the fool?

One thing can lead to another; it doesn't take any sacrifice.  
Oh, father and mother, sister and brother, if it feels nice, don't think twice,  
just shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel.  
Things are gonna work out fine if you only will do as I say, just  
shower the people you love with love, show them the way you feel.  
Things are gonna be much better if you only will.

You can run but you cannot hide, this is widely known.  
what you plan to do with your foolish pride when you're all by yourself, alone.  
Once you tell somebody the way that you feel, you can feel it beginning to ease.  
I think it's true what they say about the squeaky wheel always getting the grease.  
Better to shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel.  
Things are gonna be just fine if you only will what I'd like to do to you.  
Shower the people you love with love, show them the way you feel.  
Things are gonna be much better if you only will.

Shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel.  
They say in every life, they say the rain must fall,  
just like pouring rain, make it rain.  
Make it rain, love, love, love is sunshine, oh yes,  
Make it rain, love, love, love is sunshine. Everybody, everybody.

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## "Prayer is the breath of life, the sunrise of the soul"

Gerard Straub



Our prayer is characterized  
by silence ~

**Be still and know that I am God!**

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

**Ponder:** Gerard Straub: *The Loneliness and Longing of Saint Francis*

The human heart is drawn to God. The language of the heart is love. Not soft, wimpy, fleeting, Hollywood-style love, but a bold, deep, penetrating love that requires openness and transformation, a love that perpetually gives itself away. We live in a world of hearts. Sadly, most hearts are broken, unloved, and unable to love. God wants to give us new hearts, mystical hearts throbbing to love and to be loved. If you can imagine a world of divinely transformed hearts, you will see a world at peace, a world of plenty where no one goes hungry. Such a world begins within each of us, if we are able to shake off the countless distractions of modern life and pay attention to the silent voice of God. Prayer is the only weapon we need. Prayer helps us flee from the storm of inner thoughts and the noise that engulfs modern life. Prayer slows down the frenzied pace of life. Prayer quiets negative passions. Prayer helps restore our awareness of God. Prayer is an act of humility, stemming from a mindfulness of our inadequacy. Prayer and humility go hand in hand: prayer deepens humility and humility deepens prayer. Prayer creates the unruffled calmness required to encounter God. To neglect prayer is to neglect God. Prayer helps you see the extraordinary hidden in the ordinary. Prayer should lead us to wholeness and simplicity. Prayer prompts us to reach out in compassion to the suffering and weak, and helps us embrace all of humanity. Prayer is the breath of life, the sunrise of the soul.

## Reading

“When you see a poor person, you are looking at a mirror of the Lord and his poor mother. So, too, in the sick you are contemplating the kind of infirmities he took upon himself for us.”

St. Francis of Assisi

“God waits like a beggar who stands motionless and silent before someone who will perhaps give him a piece of bread. Time is that waiting. Time is God’s waiting for us as a beggar for our love.”

Simone Weil



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a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...