

## You Are Near Dan Schutte

Yahweh, I know you are near,  
Standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe,  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart,  
And you know when I sit and when I stand.  
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,  
Keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from Your love?  
If I climb to the heavens You are there;  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,  
Still I'd find You there.

You know my heart and its ways,  
You who formed me before I was born  
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun  
In my mother's womb.

Marvelous to me are Your works;  
How profound are Your thoughts, my Lord.  
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,  
You would still be there.

Prayer Leader:

Ron Konkoly

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## ...On Earth as it is in Heaven...

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in.  
Aim at earth and you will get neither.

C. S. Lewis



Edu Carvalho / Pexels



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.

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## To Ponder:

When we know we have perpetual being, the preciousness of every earthly treasure is gone immediately. God is to our eternal being what our heart is to our body. The lungs, the liver, the kidneys have value as they relate to the heart.

*Let the heart stop and the rest of the organs promptly collapse.*

Apart from God, what is money, fame, education, civilization? Exactly nothing at all, for we must leave all these things behind and one by one go to eternity.

*Let God hide His face and nothing thereafter is worth the effort.*

A. W. Tozer, *Man: The Dwelling Place of God*

There are no unique postures and times and limitations that restrict our access to God. My relationship with God is intimate and personal. The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it His dwelling place, the place where He meets with us. Even today He would overturn the tables of those who make it a marketplace for their own lust, greed and wealth.

Ravi Zacharias



## Reading: Kabir, Indian Mystic and Poet

Friend, hope for the Guest while you are alive.  
Jump into experience while you are alive!  
Think... and think... while you are alive.  
What you call “salvation” belongs to the time before death.

If you don’t break your ropes while you are alive,  
do you think ghosts will do it after?

The idea that the soul will join with the Ecstatic  
just because the body is rotten - that is all fantasy.

What is found now is found then.

If you find nothing now,  
you will simply end up with an apartment in the City of Death.

If you make love with the Divine now,  
in the next life you will have the face of satisfied desire.



Rene Mayrhofer Angkor Wat, Cambodia

**Sharing...**

**a word...**

**a phrase...**

**a reflection...**