

## Heal the world a tribute to Michael Jackson

There's a place in your heart and I know that it is love  
And this place could be much brighter than tomorrow  
And if you really try, you'll find there's no need to cry  
In this place you'll feel there's no hurt or sorrow  
There are ways to get there if you care enough for the living  
Make a little space, make a better place

*Heal the world, make it a better place  
For you and for me and the entire human race  
There are people dying  
If you care enough for the living  
Make it a better place for you and for me*

If you want to know why there's a love that cannot lie  
Love is strong. It only cares for joyful giving  
If we try we shall see in this bliss we cannot feel  
Fear or dread we stop existing and start living  
Then it feels that always Love's enough for us growing  
So make a better world. Make a better world

And the dream we were conceived in will reveal a joyful face  
And the world we once believed in will shine again in grace  
Then why do we keep strangling life  
Would this earth crucify its soul though it's plain to see  
This world is heavenly, be God's glow

We could fly so high. Let our spirits never die  
In my heart I feel you are all my brothers  
Create a world with no fear. Together we'll cry happy tears  
See the nations turn their swords into plowshares  
We could really get there if you cared enough for the living  
Make a little space to make a better place

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## Silence is the Key to Everything



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:

*Radical Spirit* Joan Chittister

Silence is the key to everything.

First, silence teaches us to go down inside ourselves to find real life rather than to reach for it always and forever outside ourselves.

Second, silence provides us with the harrowing ground of the soul. It breaks up the clods of our lives, it roots out the weeds, it levels the rocky ground in which we've grown.

Most of all, it is in silence that we hear our own cries of fear and pain and resistance, which only in silence can really be addressed. In silence we come to know ourselves. Then, we are ready to disengage ourselves from the thickets that block the way beyond ourselves where light is and growth is and God is.

Silence confronts us with the hardest question of them all: What are we hiding from that our flight into noise holds at bay?"

"The spiritual implications of the ninth step of humility (to listen) go deep in the human soul. They bring to consciousness the underlying meaning of the spiritual life.

Spirituality is not about feeling good about ourselves. It's about doing good wherever we are. It's about bringing good to everyone. It's about becoming the good we seek. It's about fashioning our souls in the kind of silence that enables the whole world to feel safe in our calm and quiet presence."

*Richard Rohr*

"Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise."

## Reading:

*Lumen Christi...Holy Wisdom* Nan Merrill

**In silence learn to give of yourself,  
forgive others,  
live with gratitude.**

**Then you need not seek inner peace:  
Peace will find you!**



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a reflection...