

Thank You for Everything Jason Gray

Thank you for the world that awakes
In the dawning light that breaks
And for the sunlight kissing my face Thank you

And for the stars out on parade
At the ending of each day
So even in the dark I'm saying Thank you

When I look at the world around me
And breathe in the breath You gave
Every beat of my heart is singing Thank you for everything
If you lead me to still waters
If I'm caught in the hurricane
Wherever You lead, I'm singing Thank You for every thing

Thank You for the gift of friends
Who know everywhere I've been
And love me back home again Thank You

And for the ones who let me down
And taught me what I know now
Of forgiveness and the freedom I've found Thank You

Every second I live is a moment You give
So I welcome them in, I welcome them in
The day after day, the joy and the pain
I welcome them in, I welcome them in

Thank You for the hardest parts
And the beauty of these scars
Even though it broke my heart
Thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You

Prayer Leader:

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It Is Spring Again



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: Thomas Berry
Earth Spirituality Series by Richard Rohr

What do you see when you look up at the sky at night at the blazing stars against the midnight heaven? What do you see when the dawn breaks over the eastern horizon? What are your thoughts...in the autumn when the leaves turn brown and are blown away...when you look out over the ocean in the evening? What do you see?...The ecological age fosters the deep awareness of the sacred presence within each reality of the universe. There is an awe and reverence due to the stars in the heavens, the sun, and all heavenly bodies, to the seas and the continents; to all living forms of trees and flowers; to the myriad expressions of life in the sea; the animals of the forests and birds of the air. To wantonly destroy a living species is to silence forever a divine voice... We need to move from a spirituality of alienation from the natural world to a spirituality of intimacy with it... to a spirituality of the divine as revealed in the visible world around us, from a spirituality concerned with justice simply for humans to a justice that includes the larger Earth community. We will be spiritually nourished by this world or we will be starved for spiritual nourishment. No other revelatory experience can do for the human what the experience of the natural world does.

Reminders:

Come on time... Better yet, Come Early!
Honor the silence during prayer
Share briefly from your personal experience
Listen to each other
Discussion (cross talk) is for after the hour of prayer

Reading: Ed Hays
Prayers of a Planetary Pilgrim

A Psalm of the Shrine of Spring

Oh Spirit of life, not that long ago the trees around me looked like upside down roots dangling in the wind.

Today it looks like great, green clouds had come to nest in their longing limbs.

The spring breeze that plays in the branches is full of the song of birds recently returned.

As flowers lure bees and insects by their beauty and perfume, so I am drawn out of doors to smell and feel your presence.

What cathedral made by human hands could contain the awesome majesty of your spring time splendor?

Or Bach or Handel would be humbled by the music of this season's sounds blended in harmony by your baton.

O You who delight in children at play, may I not be ashamed to bow to wonder, as I offer this day my praise and adoration in your sacred spring-time shrine.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...