

Being a Disciple at Work

Prayers

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ALL SEEING GOD

I turn on my TV
And am enthralled by glorious images
of a world you have created.
I switch the channel,
And feel appalled by the language and attitudes
That we as humans have chosen to portray.

Art is your gift to us
A blank canvas
Through which we can journey
Into a deeper understanding of ourselves and of
You

Forgive us Lord
If the images we paint or the words we craft
Obscure Your Image
When it could have been more clearly revealed.

Forgive us too
If we have been too quick to judge.
Critical of those who in art
Have confronted us with images we do not wish to
see
Introduced us to worlds we would rather not visit
Presented us with realities we would rather ignore.
But which deeply matter to You

All seeing God
To be human, is to be able to create
And to appreciate creation.
Help us use this gift
To see Your world as You would see it

AMEN

LIVING GOD

Present in all things and all places
Help me to know that wherever I may go today
You will always be with me.

May Your Spirit rest within me
Making me more like you
So that wherever I am present
People may sense that You are present.

Though You are everywhere
Be in the world today through me.
May my actions be a demonstration of Your love;
My words the vehicle of Your counsel;
My attitude an expression of Your nature;
My concerns a reflection of Your heart.

And help me Lord
Not to pray that I may be kept from hostile places
But rather that in their darkness
Your light may shine through me.

AMEN

TIMELESS GOD,

at the dawn of our existence
You set the Rhythms of the Universe in motion.
Day follows night as the earth spins her course,
Heralding each new season
As year follows year.
The mountain streams flow into rivers
That fill the Oceans
Whose vapours are caught up in the clouds
To be poured out again
On the misty mountain peaks

And the Rhythms that we so often follow
Seem so puny when compared.
The nine to five and morning rush
The nightshift, day shift and working time directive,
timetables, tachographs and meeting plans
The TV listings and appointments at the Gym

When you send us sunshine
We turn up the air conditioning
And the Golden tones of Autumn
Make their apology as leaves on the line

Help us loving Father
In the busyness of schedules of our own creating
To seek out your Rhythm
And live lives that pulsate to the beat
Set by the one who holds this world together

AMEN