



PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



Prayer for the Earth

Silence, my soul, these trees are prayers.*
Silence, my soul, this robin--announcing daybreak--is prayer.
Silence, my soul, these squirrels, these hummingbirds, these cicadas--
this buzz, this flight, this hum, this beat of my own heart --
are prayers.

Silence, my soul, can you hear the river drying?
Silence, my soul, can you hear the glacier melting?
Silence, my soul, can you hear the forest dying?
Silence, my soul, can you hear the cry coming from our collective
heart?

Save us from ourselves.
Save us from our denial.
Save us from our ignorance.
Save us from our inability to hear.
Save us from a sorrow so deep we would drown in it.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

*This is the first line from the hymn, "Silence my soul these trees are prayers" from Sing the Story: Hymnal Supplement 2, #97.

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