

THE POETRY OF FAITH

"We live the given life, not the planned".

Wendell Berry

We need to improve the acoustics. And notice what is going on. Attend to feelings. Face the circumstances of ordinary life. Listen to the language of God in the fabric of our everyday responses and reactions. "There is no secret. The treasure is everywhere. It is offered to us at every moment and in every place" (Jean Pierre de Caussade)

***"You alone have the choice
among earth's countless creatures
to live or die, but while
you live you are part of earth.
Accept. Affirm. Rejoice."***

Gwen Harwood

"My prayers are prayers of earth's own clumsily striving".

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Reaching out, searching for the light, rising for air. Over this fertile chaos the Spirit hovers and draws the community of creation. Into life. Our praying is not something alien to us; it is the gravitational pull towards our true home....

***"Transcendence as a hand reached out...as a deeply and joyously experienced need
to be in harmony even with what we ourselves are not...
this is the only real authentic existence."***

Vaclav Havel

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Certainly prayer, like poetry, thrives because of its commitment to truth and aliveness. In a sense prayer and poetry need no other justification. It simply has to be real. And we need to be engaged. What the poet W. B. Yeats saw about poetry is true about prayer:

“Blood, imagination and intellect running together”.