

Companions of Brother Lawrence
Monday 5th July 2021
Summer Song



Summer suns are glowing.....

Prayer

Loving God, we praise you for this beautiful season of summer.

We praise you for the gift of this day and for the beauty all around us.

We praise you for buttercups and wildflowers in the meadows, sparkling streams and blue skies.

We praise you loving God for summer.

Thoughts of summer.....

"Spring flew swiftly by, and summer came; and if the village had been beautiful at first, it was now in the full glow and luxuriance of its richness. The great trees, which had looked shrunken and bare in the earlier months, had now burst into strong life and health; and stretching forth their green arms over the thirsty ground, converted open and naked spots into choice nooks, where was a deep and pleasant shade from which to look upon the wide prospect, steeped in sunshine, which lay stretched out beyond. The earth had donned her mantle of brightest green; and shed her richest perfumes abroad. It was the prime and vigour of the year; all things were glad and flourishing." Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

"Summer gathered in the weather, the wind had the proper touch, the breathing of the world was long and warm and slow. You had only to rise, lean from your window, and know that this was the first real time of freedom and living; this was the first morning of summer." Ray Bradbury

Hymn – Morning has broken



“Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Luke 12 v 27

“If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow won’t he more surely care for you?”
Luke 12 v 28

Guided meditation in a summer meadow

Picture yourself in a beautiful summer meadow, surrounded by wildflowers, you can hear birds a little way off and you know that you are completely safe.

You can feel the warmth of the sun on your face and body. Just lie here for a moment and enjoy this wonderful place of peace and calm. Notice the scent of grass and flower. Hear the gentle hum of insects and bees. Feel the texture of the grass. **As you** lie gently on the soft grass and feel supported by the earth and warmed by the sun, know that you have everything you need.

Be still in God’s presence

.Companions Prayer

O God here we are all devoted to you, make us according to your heart.

Name each of our fellow Companions.

In Christ make us one that the world may believe, mould us according to your heart.

Summer Haiku

Like the high white clouds in a summer sky

we are always becoming - Peter Galen Massey

Thoughts of Brother Lawrence Day 2

We should give ourselves utterly to God in pure abandonment... and find great contentment in doing his will.