Good morning everyone.....

our prayers this morning are taken from *Praying with the Earth,*by Philip Newell.

It is always a time to pray for the peace of the world. As Jews, Christians and Muslims we are painfully divided, even though we share a spiritual descent. Our divisions are at the centre of much of the world’s most serious conflicts, and of wars today. So this morning our prayers and thoughts are centred around peace for our world, and finding peace within our personal lives. ...Mike.

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, at the breaking of dawn at the coming of day we wait and watch.

Your light within the morning light, Your soul within the human soul, Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life.

In the dawning of this day, let us know fresh shinings in our soul.

In the growing colours of new beginning all around us, let us know the first lights of our heart.

Great Star of the morning, Inner Flame of the universe, let us be a colour in this new dawning.

BE STILL AND AWARE

SCRIPTURE

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Ps.46v1)

Jenny will read ....Acts 17 verses 15 and 22 to chap.18 v1.

PAUSE.

Ask and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you....(Matthew 7 v 7).

PAUSE.

For every soul there is a guardian watching it. (Quran - The Nightly Visitant 86.4)

SILENCE

PRAYERS FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

For the gift of this new day, for waking again from the dreams of the night, for our bodies strengthened and our minds renewed thanks be to you, O God.

You are the stillness of the night. You are the genesis of the morning. You are the moistness of new conception. Let there be peace in the human soul, let there be wakings to new consciousness, let there be tears of love. In the life of the world this day  and in our own hearts let there be fresh tears of love.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

OUR CONVERSATIIONAL WRITING FOR TODAY.

The Lake Isle of Innisfree.......WB Yeats

*I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,*

*And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;*

*Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,*

*And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,*

*Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;*

*There midnight’s all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,*

*And evening full of the linnet’s wings.*

*I will arise and go now, for always night and day*

*I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;*

*While I stand on the roadway, or on pavement grey,*

*I hear it in the deep heart’s core.*

PRAYER OF BLESSING

May the angels of light glisten for you this day. May the sparks of God’s beauty dance in the eyes of those we love. May the universe be on fire with Presence for us this day.

Let Earth’s greenness shine and it’s waters breathe with Spirit. Let heaven’s winds stir the soil of our soul and fresh awakenings rise within us. May the mighty angels of light glisten in all things this day. May they summon us to reverence, may they call us to life.

Amen.