*We gather in solidarity with women religious for*

***Communal Contemplative Prayer – Date, 202x***

***Settle into the immense Love in which we live and move and have our being....***

Most Holy One, my Beloved One,

In this moment I turn my entire self towards you

as a flower turns to absorb sunlight,

as children lift their faces and arms to welcome summer rain.

I turn my entire self to you, I tune myself to you

as I feel the music of your presence in me.

*Follow the path of these words, or simply follow the Spirit.*

***Spirit of God,*** *words and music by Sister Miriam Therese Winter, Medical Mission Sisters*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09ZsGaW50Dg> at 1.25

**Please let “man” mean “we” as she surely intended; she wrote this in the early 1960s.**

Spirit of God in the clear running water
Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill,
Spirit of God, in the finger of morning,

Fill the earth, bring it to birth and blow where you will,
Blow, blow, blow till I be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

I saw the scar of a year that lay dying,
Heard the lament of a lone whippoorwill,
Spirit of God, see that cloud crying,

Fill the earth, bring it to birth and blow where you will,
Blow, blow, blow till I be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Spirit of God everyone's heart is groaning,
Watching and waiting and hungry until
Spirit of God, we long that you only

Fulfill the earth, bring it to birth and blow where you will
Blow, blow, blow till I be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

***30 minutes of silence***

***We welcome one another’s reflections and prayers****.*

**Closing:** Dear God, may we never forget how much we need each other. After all, we are connected through your creation. Let us not be afraid to talk, to laugh, to cry, and to share stories and our lives with each other. Amen.

Or: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of Earth. Amen.

Settling in: modified from Sacred Space, a website of the Irish Jesuits

First Closing prayer option: Maria Shriver’s Sunday Paper <https://www.mariashriversundaypaper.com/>