



Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

2016 Lenten Devotions

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GIVE ME A QUIET MIND

By Amy Carmichael*

When winds are blowing, waves are rising, falling
And all the air is full of dust and spray;
When voices, like to sea birds' plaintive calling,
Confuse my day;

Then, then I know Thee, Lord of highest heaven
In newborn need discover Thee, and find
Nought can discomfort him to whom is given
A quiet mind.

When hopes have failed, and heavy sadness crusheth,
And doubt and fear would weave their deadly spell,
Then thought of Thee my troubled spirit husheth;
And all is well.

In midnight hours when weariness ignoreth
Heaven's starry host, and battle wounds are mine,
Then Thy right hand uplifteth and outpoureth
Love's oil and wine.

O Blessed Lord, beyond the moment's sorrow
I see above, beneath, before, behind—
Eternal Love. Give me today, tomorrow,
A quiet mind.

*Amy Carmichael (1867-1951) was a missionary to India who founded an orphanage and mission in Dohnavur and wrote several books chronicling her work of 55 years without furlough. She died there at the age of 83 and asked that no stone be put over her grave at Dohnavur. Instead, the children she had cared for put a bird bath over it with the single inscription "Amma," which means "Mother" in the Tamil language.

Prayer:

Lead me to your still streams, O Lord,
Where I can kneel in the waters of life,
Lay down my anxious thoughts,
And cast all my cares on You

Here I will wait a while,
Wait a while,
And bathe in the life-giving waters

Bathe my mind in Your Spirit, O God
Come, fill my being with Your peace

Bathe my heart with Your love, O God
Come, still my being with Your peace

Bathe my spirit with Your freedom, O God
Come, saturate my life with Your peace
Anonymous

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”