

Prayers for Ordinary Time, Hiroshima Day, and the Feast of the Transfiguration

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Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of Extraordinary Grace and Astonishing Goodness:
In each week of this season we call ordinary time
you bless us by your presence and by the beauty of your creation
given us to serve, protect, and enjoy;
you call us to fruitful labor and Sabbath leisure;
and you stir our hearts continually to loving-kindness.
May we never forget your generous provision for us
shared not through our deserving, but through your mercy;
and may we never be too busy, too negligent, or too slack
to give you honor, thanks and praise through all our days.

Collect for Hiroshima Day

God our Light, Cloud, and Flame:
speak your word of love through the haze of our confusion
and deliver us from the terrifying fire of our own hatred,
that we may recognize and greet you
in the shining faces of our neighbors
as Christ our true Peace.

Collect for Transfiguration/Hiroshima Day

Incendiary God:
In the scalding light of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
we have seen our power to destroy;
now show us ourselves in the fullness
of your radiant image and will,
in the shining face of your child, Jesus,
transfigured on the holy mountain,
through whom we pray.