

A Prayer (for Summer)

God of creation, God of the seasons,
Bless your creatures with seasons of delight.

Lord of the Sabbath,
You who have established the rhythms of life,
Establish in us also the rhythms for human prospering;
Grant us the good sense to enjoy Sabbath rest in this season.

Grant us, moreover, wisdom to know that there is a time to play,
A time to cease from our labors,
A time to sense majesty in a blue sky,
Richness in green grass,
Love in faithful friends,
And joy in our being.

Grant us, then, blue skies this summer, and green grass;
Grant us faithful friends and the time, strength, and spirit for play.
Grant us the wit to know the goodness of this creation,
Which, blind, defiant, or ungrateful, we despoil.

Send our roots rain; send our hearts ease,
So that we may show in our lives
That we can live rightly in this season of our lives
And see it as if for the first time,
In wonder, in awe, and in a spirit of thanksgiving.

Amen.

- James Vanden Bosch

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