

## Lord, You are Here

**Leader:** Lord, You are here,  
Lord, You are there.

**All:** You are wherever we go.

**Leader:** Lord, You guide us,  
Lord, You protect us.

**All:** You are wherever we go.

**Leader:** Lord, we need You,  
Lord, we trust You,

**All:** You are wherever we go.

**Leader:** Lord, we love You.  
Lord, we praise You.

**All:** You are wherever we go.

*-Dinka*



### Closing Prayer

May there be bread for the journey,  
May there be friends along the way,  
May we dare to dream and laugh and love,  
And seek justice every day.

May God's presence give us wisdom,  
May God's presence grant us peace,  
May God's be the hand that gives us strength,  
May we hope in the promised feast.

All: Amen.

—Keri Wehlander,  
*600 Blessings and Prayers*

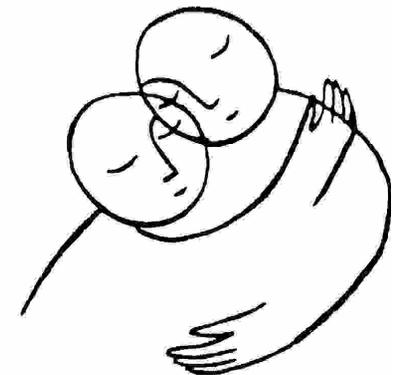


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## God, Be With Us...

*“You have made us for your-  
self and our hearts are rest-  
less until they rest in You...”*

—*St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions*



# God, Be With Us...



Sometimes it takes darkness and the sweet  
Confinement of your aloneness

to learn  
anything or anyone  
that does not bring you alive

is too small for you.

## ***Our Desire: Psalms 63:1-5***

O God, you are my God, and I long for  
you.

My whole being desires you; like a dry,  
worn-out, and waterless land, my soul is  
thirsty for you.

Let me see you in the sanctuary; let me  
see how mighty and glorious you are.  
Your constant love is better than life  
itself, and so I will praise you.  
I will give you thanks as long as I live;  
I will raise my hands to you in prayer.

My soul will feast and be satisfied, and I  
will sing glad songs of praise to you

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## ***Opening Prayer:***

### ***A Prayer of Relinquishment***

Today, Loving God, we yield ourselves to  
You.

May Your will be our delight today.

May Your way have perfect sway in  
us.

May Your love be the pattern of our  
living.

We surrender to You  
our hopes,

our dreams,  
our ambitions.

Do with them what You will, when You  
will, as You will.

We place into Your loving care  
our family,

our friends,  
our future.

Care for them with a care that we can  
never give.

We release into Your hands  
our need to control,

our craving for status,  
our fear of obscurity.



Eradicate the evil, purify the  
good,

and establish Your Reign on  
earth.

For Jesus' sake,  
Amen.

## ***Sweet Darkness***

*by David Whyte*

When your eyes are tired  
the world is tired also.

When your vision has gone  
no part of the world can find you.  
Time to go into the dark  
where the night has eyes  
to recognize its own.

There you can be sure  
you are not beyond love.  
The dark will be your womb  
tonight.

The night will give you a horizon  
further than you can see.

You must learn one thing.  
The world was made to be free in.

Give up all the other worlds  
except the one to which you belong.

