



Lord God,

**As we prepare for the transitions of August;
of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to
emerge, and traffic patterns getting heavier,
help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.**

**Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still,
much as the August wind is still,
so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.
Help us understand that you alone are the source of every
good gift, of the vast array of our universe,
and the mystery of each human life.**

**And help us see that we are called to be *good stewards*
of all the gifts you have entrusted to us;
tending them faithfully and responsibly
so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.**

**In this month of August while a measure of summer's stillness
remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son's ways, and
through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your
justice and peace in our every day words and deeds.**

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.