

***PRAYER FOR SILENCE \****  
***before praying with scripture***  
*or*  
***beginning a spiritual direction session***

*How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given.  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of God's heaven.\*\**

I would be silent, now, and expectant,  
That I might receive the gift I need,  
That I might become the gift that others need.

\*Adapted by Kent Ira Groff from Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*.

\*\* Phrase from Philipps Brooks, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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