



Daily Reflections

SIMPLE WONDERS

By Julie Mussché

What is Prayer?

“To pray is to take notice of the wonder, to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margins in all our attainments.”

ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

Reflection

Several weeks ago, in the quiet of the late night, I thought I heard a frog croaking. Sitting still with my ears tuned in, indeed my senses had not deceived me. The repetitious lilt of frog song is quite relaxing. Equally calming was the idea of a frog inhabiting the green space of my property as the reclusive amphibians are shrinking in number, easy victims of global warming and a shrinking habitat.

Then, early one morning, as I lumbered around in the dawn's early light, preparing the cat's breakfast, I caught a familiar croak coming from the front

yard. Was it the same frog? A new froggy addition? I barely could contain my excitement.

Several days on, another late evening, the backyard frog started singing a joyous tune. The next thing I know, front yard frog began a call and response; this went on for quite a while. What an amazing concert in the wild.

Did you ever have occasion to ponder, what in the world compelled God to create amazing creatures like frogs? I have enjoyed the full symphony of tree frogs humming together on a warm summer night in the Ozarks, yet there is something extraordinary about two frogs exchanging unknown messages in the middle of an Orange County suburb. Don't you think there is something truly hopeful about it all?



Aquarium of The Pacific Frog Exhibit
Photo by Alicia Rodriguez

For Pondering

- Where and how do you find messages of hope?
 - What energizes your spirit in these tidings?
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For Prayer

*Thank you, Wondrous Creator,
for the hopeful messages you send my way.
Help me to just run with it,
spreading the possibilities with all I encounter.
Amen.*

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