Nuns and Nones

Sr. Annmarie Sanders, IHM, and Brittany Koteles
Prayer
"I do not know exactly what a prayer is, I do know how to pay attention."

-Mary Oliver, from the poem Summer's Day

“Women come to this community to seek God. That is, they want to be transformed into love.”

-a Benedictine vocation brochure from the 1980s, on essential monastic values
“Perhaps real wisdom lies in not seeking answers at all. Any answer we find will not be true for long. An answer is a place where we can fall asleep as life moves past us to its next question. After all these years I have begun to wonder if the secret of living well is not in having all the answers but in pursuing unanswerable questions in good company.”
— Rachel Naomi Remen, *My Grandfather’s Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge, and Belonging*

Let us pause to remember gratefully the good company you have in your own life.

Let us remember those who long for good company and cannot find it.
We pray:

Holy Mystery, Infinite Divine, let us never take for granted the companions you provide us along the journey of life. May we cherish each one and treasure their connection with us.

May we never stop pursuing unanswerable questions because we know that contained within them are signs for how we may best help heal, repair, and perhaps change the world.

We ask all of this trusting in your presence with us that is always full of surprise, tenderness, and love.

Amen.