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God seems not to shout at us very much – it is just not God’s style. As the prophet learned, God is not in the earthquake or in the tornado, but in the still, small voice that persists in the silence afterward. So while it is always useful to pray that God will speak up, it is good policy to be enfolding ourselves in silence at the same time. This is the *via negativa*. I may not be able to tell which voice is God’s in my life today, but I can pick out the one that is *not* God, and silence it or eliminate it from my life. Then I can pick out another one that is not God, and quiet that voice as well. If I keep on with this process, God’s voice will come to stand out more and more, as there is less and less competition for my attention.



CLOSING PRAYER

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Your voice echoes in the silent places in our lives, not as an earthquake, but as a still, small voice calling us to listen intently for you. Fill us with the power of your voice and send us into the World to proclaim your love. Amen.

BLESSING

In the quiet depths of the night and in the loud busyness of the day, grant us the grace to hear your still, small voice guiding us on the journey and nurturing our souls. Amen.



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2. For all who struggle to find rest for their souls, that they may be still and know you are god.
3. For the leaders of nations, that they may promote peace.
4. For all of us in our daily lives, that we may be living expressions of God's love, enriching the lives of others through our way of being in the world.
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