

Thought for the Day - Tuesday 28th June 2022

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- Saturday Prayer Carol Ann Duffy

Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth
in the distant Latin chanting of a train.

Pray for us now Grade 1 piano scales
console the lodger looking out across
a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls
a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer –
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

Hearing God in Poetry Ed Richard Harries

Carol Ann Duffy – at the age of 11 her teachers recognized and encouraged
her poetic talent. She became Poet Laureate.

How do you pray in unexpected ways? Remember the Holy Spirit prays for us
and with us.