

Connecting New

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This month I share three poems about gardens and flowers. May we continue to grow and blossom as expressions of love, beauty and freedom.

Garden

Woodland garden takes work,
to clear the brush,
to remove the cedars,
to burn, to seed,
to love and to wait.
And all the while
the energy of God works with us,
the benevolence of God loves with us,
the patience of God waits with us.
One day this summer I will
bend down and admire a flower there,
and remember...
that God is with us always,
and that I am a flower too.

Church

She invited me to her church.
She had been inviting me for years,
and I finally accepted.
Praying outdoors with the sun on my skin,
with my hands in the soil,
tending the plants that had taken residence,
and preparing for the new arrivals.
Conversing with the birds, insects, trees and flowers,
and singing along, joining the chorus.
Thank you, dear one, for sharing your sacred place with me,
where the implements of Eucharist are pruners and shovel,
and the vestments work gloves and hat.
I always knew God was present with you there,
but now I know, now I am beginning to experience,
Her warm, earthly embrace for myself, for my soul.
Now I too have become a member of the Easter Garden.

Flower

A flower doesn't look in the mirror,
checking its petals,
adjusting its posture
or contemplating its purpose.
A flower looks out, radiating

the loving goodness it has received.
I want to be a flower.

Peace and Blessings,
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