

COMMITTEE REFLECTION

August

Prayer

Eternal God –

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You have called us

to be spiritual leaders

of your body, this church.

Help us to surrender

our hearts and minds to you;

To humbly seek your voice;

To boldly do your will;

To compassionately share your love;

To faithfully be your servants;

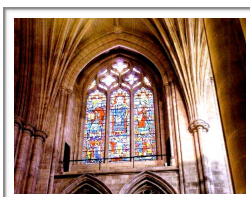
To reverently lead your people

Bless all that we do,

So that we can do what you bless.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.



Thomas Kelly, *The Eternal Promise*

Our task is not to work for God, but to yearn for God to *work through us and to join our sensitivity to His working*, already going on inside the lives of others. For wherever we go, there God has preceded us. To whomever we speak, God has first been speaking to him. And our task is to urge people to listen to their *inner Teacher*. Within all people the heavenly Educator is at work, tenderly, patiently, speaking inside of rich and poor, educated and ignorant, black and white. And the church's task is first of all to call people to a listening life, a life of internal listening to the inner promptings that are already going on. We don't begin religion; *God begins it, knocking within*, in faint promptings, in inward appeals in the silence of our hearts. Young people hear Him, like Samuel in the quiet of the night. Our task is to *expect God* to be at work inside of young people, and to tell them to listen to their inner Teacher, the Divine Love, pressing upon the margins of their consciousness.

Reflection Questions

1. What is Kelly teaching us about God, ourselves, and life?
2. What does he teach us about the how we are to be as a church, and how we are to lead the church?