

You Call Us By Name:
A Prayer

Oh Lord, in the stillness and quietness of the night;
When our thoughts ramble in many directions.
You call us by name.

Oh Lord, in our shopping for groceries and necessities;
When we struggle with buying enough;
You call us by name.

Oh Lord, in our thoughts regarding our beloved elders;
Who live in lockdowns and isolation;
You call us--and them--by name.

Oh Lord, in our grappling with faithful responses;
When we are not certain of how to respond;
You call us by name.

Oh Lord, you call us to a time of prayer and solitude;
In the midst of the 24-hour news cycle;
You call us by name.

You called Jesus by name at his baptism;
That name was Beloved.
You call us by name and that name is Beloved.

Amen.

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