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Household Prayer: Morning

God of small things,
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open to all who met you.
Teach us to care for the quiet and tender places
in our hearts and in those of others
as we nurture your compassion in our world. Amen.

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we give you thanks for the love
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Blanket us in peace this night as you comfort all in need. Amen.

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