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Slings the to Father Good morning again to you. On Monday at this time I shared with those of  
 [Bursom] you who were listening then a quotation from a contemporary spiritual director  
 and writer, and another shorter one from a medieval mystic - writer. And I  
 said I'd continue that pattern today. Except, let's begin with a short  
 piece from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, from Mechthild of Magdeburg. She has these  
 two parallel prayers/reflections, on how the soul speaks to God, and  
 how God answers: "Lord, you are my love, my longing, my flowing  
 stream, my sun; and I am your reflection. [And God answers] It is my  
 nature that makes me love you often, for I am love itself. It is my  
 longing that makes me love you intensely, for I yearn to be loved from  
 the heart. It is my eternity that makes me love you long, for I have  
 no end." - from Mechthild of Magdeburg. In a different vein, from a  
 contemporary of our own, yet somehow quite similar: from The Way, of  
 Unknownity, by John Main. "The real tragedy of our time (he says) is  
 that we're so filled with desire, for happiness, for success, for wealth, for  
 power. Whatever ... QQ TABLET 9.9.89 p 1061

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Think - pray over that, from John Main. In music meanwhile. His prayer:

"Shout Alleluia"

MUSIC - PRAYERS  
 [Oxford 395]

To conclude today, let's return to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and another woman  
 mystic writer, Hadewijch of Brebant [This quote comes from an anthology  
 of Beguine Spirituality

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