

- 1 The American poet and author, Carl Sandburg, wrote:

*“Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci,
Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln...
were not afraid of being lonely,
because they knew
that was when
the creative mood in them
would work.”*

- 2 Another person who is renowned for being very creative, was the musical composer, Ludwig van Beethoven, who was born on tomorrow’s date in 1770.

- 3 Beethoven wrote these words:

*“You will ask where I find my ideas;
I hardly know.
They come uninvited, directly or indirectly.
I can almost grasp them with my hands
in the open air,
in the woods while walking,
in the stillness of the night,
early in the morning,
called up by the moods
which the poet translates into words
and I translate into musical tones.
They ring and roar and swirl about me
until I write them down in notes.”*

- 4 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
amidst the busy-ness and noise
of daily life,
I ask you to bring it home to me
how much I need
time and quiet for myself,
in which I can become
more attuned with myself
and more at one
with you, my God.
As I am then able to grow more
in your image and likeness
and be re-created,
inspire me to be creative**

**and develop to the full
the talents you have given me
for the benefit of those people
you place into my life.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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