

Wisdom Circle Sharing Sheet

May, 2018



Living Wisely / Dwelling in Wisdom from Day to Day

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 6:32-33 (New Jerusalem Bible):
If you wish it, my [beloved], you can be taught; apply yourself,
and you will become intelligent. If you love listening,
you will learn, if you pay attention, you will become wise.

May's Focus: **Serving**

How Can We Live Wisely?
Serve others daily.

Reading

"She rises early...
She plans her expenditures with care...
She devotes herself to what is useful...
She opens her hands to the poor,
And her arms to embrace the needy." (*Proverbs*, 31: 15-20, Shapiro, *Divine Feminine*, 167)

Setting: a candle, a cloth, an image, or symbol on the theme or monthly focus.

Music, Song, or Chant: of your choice

Opening Prayer: (Bruce Sanguin. *If Darwin Prayed: Prayers for Evolutionary Mystics*
Flaming Love

[Acts 2: 1–13] O Holy One, we gather to rediscover fire—
kindled by an ember that flew from the great radiance,
Love's bright beginning in time and space—
flaming forth now in us.
May our own Spirit-fanned words
and the thoughts of our hearts become love's flames,
tongues of forgiveness,
sentences of justice,
declaring the good news:

that Wisdom burns in the heart of this cosmic adventure.

Focus Question:

How have you perceived walking the path of Wisdom as 'serving,' walking paths of justice, generosity, righteousness? What have you experienced? How did it impact you and others?

Sharing: All have the opportunity to share on the readings and reflection for this month.

Optional Word: After all have shared, allow a word or phrase to capture the heart of your and the group's experience.

Circle Prayer/Prayer Intentions: Bring to your circle the people, places, and circumstances for which you wish to pray.

Closing Prayer: *If Darwin Prayed*

Coming to Our Senses

[Luke 15: 11–32] O Holy One, we are an impetuous lot, demanding that our every whim be catered to,
and allowing desire to lead us down the path of indignity.
We walk upon Earth as the prodigal species, taking the inheritance of a fourteen-billion-year-old universe
and a five-billion-year-old planet,
and squandering it in dissolute living.
Now, O Source of All Inheritance,
we come to our senses.
Now, O Compassionate One,
we see the error of our ways.
Now, O Forgiver of Foolishness,
we seek to make amends.
Awaken us to a wonder that issues in humility
and drops us to our knees.
Transform our desire into a burning willingness
to reconcile ourselves one with another,
to heal our relationship to other species,
to see life as pure gift,
and to return with an offering of humility
to your awaiting arms.
Amen.