

Wisdom Circles Preparation Sheet June 2018



Theme for the year: 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.

June's Focus: Globally:

During the year, our Wisdom Circle topics were an attempt to see how we as individuals can live wisely dwelling in Wisdom from day to day. In this Wisdom Circle, we want to encompass all of these themes, which have rippled out to a global focus.



First Reading: Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
And in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor
and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and
contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.

Second Reading:

Not For Myself Alone

At first I was like a narrow stream from a river,
and as a shallow brook into a garden.

I said, I will water my best garden,
I will moisten my finest beds.

Then my brook became a river,
and my river became a sea.

In this way

I make instruction glisten in the morning,
its shimmering seen from afar.

I pour out teaching as prophecy,
and leave it for future generations.

Know this:

I do not labor for myself alone,
but for all you who seek Wisdom.

(The Divine Feminine by Rabbi Rami Shapiro, p 149)

Third Reading:

Sophia's Delight

We are drawn together by Sophia,
Wisdom of the universe,
Nature's intelligence,
Embodied in Jesus
And present in all souls
Who gather at Her table.

We gather to receive grace to give up our foolish ways,
To walk in Her light,
To delight in creation and in one another,
As Sophia delights in us.

May we open the gates of our souls,
That Sophia may enter,
Making us friends of God and one another.
We open to Her transforming power.

(If Darwin Prayed by Bruce Sanguin, p 178)

Focus Question: How are we living wisely as we dwell in Wisdom from day to day? How do we live wisely with our neighbors, in community, and globally?