

Wisdom Circles Sharing Sheet

Living Wisely / Dwelling in Wisdom from Day to Day

January 2018



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.

January's Focus: Compassion

Wisdom as the Feminine Face of God, is pure and total compassion.

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

Music, Song, or Chant: Balm of Gilead

Opening Prayer:

Listen carefully to me, my [beloved].
Incline your ear to my teaching.
Train your eyes to see Wisdom,
And your heart to shelter Her.
These teachings give life to those who find them
And are a balm to the body of those who embrace them.
Protect your heart above all else,
For the heart determines the quality of your life.
(Prov. 4:20-23, The World Wisdom Bible, ed. by Rami Shapiro)

Reading:

Wisdom is the way of right action, the path of just deeds. Right action is action that honors self and other, that uplifts the fallen, and defends the powerless. Just deeds are those that heal rather than harm, that serve the whole as well as the part. When you look at your doings in the world, are you walking with Wisdom?

(The Divine Feminine by Rami Shapiro, p. 10)

Focus Question: How are you challenged to live compassion, dwelling in Wisdom from day to day?

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

Wisdom Word: After all have shared, allow a word or phrase to capture the heart of 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:

Help us, O Compassionate One, to renew
The face of the earth;
Deliver us, and forgive our sins,
That we might know the joy of co-creation!
Let other nations not cry out, "Where is their faith?"
Let all who have spilled the blood of the innocent
Repent and make reparation before the eyes of the world!

Let the cries of the victims of injustice come before You;
According to your great Power, break the bonds of oppression!

Then we your people, those who would companion with You
Will give thanks to You forever.

(Selections from Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill, p. 158)

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