



Closing Prayer

Trusted Guide,

You are my Mentor, my inspiration,
My Home of good choices
and decisions.
You help me to search with
confidence as I find my way to inner
peace.

Please gather your wisdom
around me.
Guide me carefully
as I make choices
About how to use
my energy positively.
Place your discerning touch
on my mind
So that I will think clearly.
Place your loving fingers
on my heart
So that I will be more fully attentive
to what is really of value.

Guide of my life,
Thank you for all
you have given to me.
Reveal my spiritual path
And direct me in the living of it.
Lead me to inner peace and oneness
with you.
Amen

-J. Rupp

Wisdom Blessing

Leader: May Wisdom be in our minds,
All: and in our thinking

Leader: May Wisdom be in our hearts,
All: and in our perceiving

Leader: May Wisdom be in our mouths,
All: and in our speaking

Leader: May Wisdom be in our hands,
All: and in our working

Leader: May Wisdom be in our feet,
All: and in our walking

Leader: May Wisdom be in our bodies,
All: and in our loving

Leader: May Wisdom be with us
All: all the days of our lives.

—Diann L. Neu



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The Path to Wisdom



"In seeking wisdom,
the first stage is si-
lence,
the second listening,
the third, re-
membrance, the
fourth, practising,
the fifth, teaching."

—Solmon Ibn Gabiro



"Wisdom is only found in truth..." Goethe

Opening Reflection

Today's focus is on the gift of wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to see things as they are, and the ability to respond to reality as it is. The wise person knows how to accept things in life that cannot be changed, and how to try to change those things that need improvement. The wise person knows how to relate to others in ways that would be best for them, treating all people according to their needs. The wise person also knows that the strength to do this comes not from within himself or herself, but from God.

No fruitful human relationships are possible without wisdom, which is another word for mature love. Do you possess wisdom? You will come to know that by growth of peace in your heart.

-Author Unknown



Scripture Reading: The True Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Yet we do not speak a wisdom for those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age know; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him," this God has revealed through the Spirit. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Petitions

Lord, give us the gift of wonder: in delighting us with thunder and wind, sunrise and rain, enchanting our senses, filling our hearts, opening our eyes to the splendor of creation.

Response: Lord, give us the blessing of wonder.



May we learn simplicity Lord: opening us to a clear vision of truth, leading us deeply into the mystery of Your Love, and may our dealings with others be marked by the honesty which is simplicity.

Response: Lord, give us the blessing of simplicity.

Jesus, you asked us to engage in service, and sent your spirit to empower us for ministry.

Response: Help us in our hectic lives to be aware of opportunities for spiritual growth.

May we acknowledge that we become whole persons because we experience your love through those around us.

Response: Help us to remember that we cannot be Christians in isolation. It is in ministry that we find the reality of Christ.

As your promoters, God, we look to you for guidance, remembering that you use many persons and methods to help achieve your purposes.

Response: Help us to distinguish your call for spiritual growth from the influence and pressure of people around us, trusting you to use each of us in accordance with our abilities and experiences.

