



Wisdom loves what is good.

We gather...

God of the Journey, in every generation you raise up men and women outstanding in virtue and wisdom. Give us the grace to listen like disciples and to answer your call to holiness and service. Renew our enthusiasm. Give us courage and confidence. We ask this through Jesus, your Son and trusting in the prayers of Mary, Mother of Mercy. Amen.

We listen... We reflect... We respond...

Wisdom (7: 23-27)

Wisdom loves what is good. She is sharp and unconquerable, kind, and a friend of humanity. Wisdom is dependable and sure and is free of anxiety. Wisdom moves more easily than motion itself; she is so pure that she penetrates everything. She is a breath of God's power—a pure and radiant stream of glory from the Almighty. Nothing that is defiled can ever steal its way into Wisdom. She is a reflection of eternal light, a perfect mirror of God's activity and goodness. Even though Wisdom acts alone, she can do anything. She makes everything new, although she herself never changes. From generation to generation she enters the souls of holy people and makes them God's friends and prophets.

This is the Word of the Lord.

We ask...

Jesus, you promised us the Spirit of Wisdom to be our advocate and guide. Recognising your fidelity and our many needs, we pray:

Fill us with your wisdom and send us forth to serve you.

That we may be renewed in heart and mind...

That we may see you in those who are poor or afflicted...

That we may speak the truth in love...

That we may make wise choices for the common good...

That we may work to bring about a new heaven and a new earth...

That we may be credible witnesses to your mercy...



We are sent forth...

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our weakness and vulnerability, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Son, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayer which was used before each session of the Second Vatican Council)

Let us prepare ourselves. Let us do so by relearning how important we are, how beautiful we are, and how we are desired beyond our wildest imaginings. And let us, as best we can, go out into the world to teach others how important they are, how beautiful they are, and how they too are desired beyond their wildest imaginings.

M. Scott Peck Further Along the Road Less Travelled

God, in all that is most living and incarnate in him, is not far away from us, altogether apart from the world we see, touch, hear, smell and taste about us. Rather, he awaits us, every instant, in our action, in the work of the moment. There is sense in which he is at the tip of my pen, my spade, my brush, my needle – of my heart and of my thought. By pressing the stroke, the line or the stitch on which I am engaged to its ultimate natural finish, I shall lay hold of that last end towards which my innermost will tend.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin Le Milieu Divin

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A photograph of a Celtic cross, a type of cross with arms of equal length and rounded ends, featuring intricate knotwork designs. The cross is made of stone and is set against a background of dense, green, leafy plants. The text 'Wisdom makes all things new.' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, elegant script font.

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