



CALL TO PRAYER

Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.

READING 1

SIRACH 36:1.4–17 Adapted

Come to our aid, O God of the universe.
Look upon us, show us the light of your mercies.
Give new signs and work new wonders,
Show mercy to the people called by your name,
Give evidence of your deeds of old,
Fulfill the prophecies spoken in your name,
Reward those who have hoped in you,
And let your prophets be proved true.
Hear the prayer of your servants,
For you are ever gracious to your people,
And lead us in the way of justice.
Thus it will be known to the very ends of the earth
That you are the eternal God.

READING 2

CARLOS CASTENADA

Look at every path closely and deliberately. Try it as many times as you think necessary. Then ask yourself, and yourself alone, one question... Does this path have a heart? If it does, the path is good; if it doesn't, it is of no use. Both paths lead nowhere, but one has a heart, the other doesn't. One makes for a joyful journey: as long as you follow it, you are one with it. The other will make you curse your life. One makes you strong; the other weakens you.

– From The Teachings of Don Juan

When nothing is for sure we remain alert, perennially on our toes.
It is more exciting not to know which bush the rabbit is hiding behind
than to behave as though we knew everything.

— From Journey to Ixtlan

In both contemplation and conflict we are mulched into fertility.
As the burning of the prairie draws energy from the roots upward and outward,
contemplation draws us toward fruitful action. It is the seedbed of a prophetic life.
Through it, God shapes and strengthens us for what is needed now.

REFLECTION / SHARING

PRAYER OF PETITION

Response: Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.

CLOSING SONG: BLESSING OF LIFE

JAN NOVOTKA

May vision and truth companion you
May beauty be in your eyes
May peace fill your being
Love hold you close
Earth give you guidance,
Stars give you hope
Blessings of life to you