



## Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings

August 2021

Tuesday, Month of August  
Contemplative Sit Practice

August, contemplative practice is Allowing God to Love Us. This practice is inspired by Carmelite nun Ruth Burrows and is featured in Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations.

With my breath I open to

Enfolding

Nurturing

Transforming

Inflowing

Love

Wed. August 11, 2021 Lectio Divina

Psalm 111:1-4; 10

Alleluia!

I will thank you, YHWH, with all my heart  
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Great are your works,

to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious are your works,  
and your justice stands firm forever.

You make us remember your wonders –  
you are compassion and love.

Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom –  
and those who have it prove themselves wise.

Your praise will last forever! Inclusive Bible

Thur. August 12, 2021 Centering  
Prayer

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has set up her seven pillars.

She has prepared her food, decanted her wine, and set her table.

She has sent out her household staff to call from a spot overlooking the city.

“Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!

She says, “Come and eat my bread and drink the wine which I have prepared for you.

Abandon your foolishness that you may live,

and walk the path of understanding and insight.” Inclusive Bible

<p>Wed. August 18, 2021 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Ephesians 6:18-20 From Paul's letter to those in Ephesus: Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions. Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people. Pray also for me, that God will open my mouth and put words on my lips, that I may boldly make known the mystery of the Good News – that mystery for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may have courage to proclaim it as I ought. Inclusive Bible</p>
<p>Thur. August 19, 2021 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalms 84 How glorious is your dwelling place,     O Blessed Architect of the universe! My soul longs, yes, aches for     the abode of the Beloved; All that is within me sings for joy     to the living Heart of Love! Even as the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nesting place,     where its young are raised within     your majestic creation, You invite us to dwell within     your Heart.</p> <p>Blessed are they who put their strength     in You,     who choose to share the joy and     sorrows of the world. They do not give way to fear or doubt;     they are quickened by Divine     Light and Power;     they dwell within the peace of     the Most High. They go from strength to strength and     live with integrity. From <i>Psalms for Praying</i> © 2007 Nan C. Merrill</p>

<p>Wed. August 25, 2021 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>August 25  James 1:16-18  Make no mistake about this, my dear sisters and brothers:  every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,  descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries,  who cannot change and is never in shadow.  God willingly gave birth to us with a word spoken in truth,  so that we may be, as it were, the first fruits of God's creatures. Inclusive Bible</p>
<p>Thur. August 26, 2021 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalms 45  Your Divine Presence endures forever and ever.  Your sovereign edict is ordained with justice;  your love is unconditional, without reserve.  Therefore, O Creator, O Heart of Love,  anoint us with  the oil of gladness to share with all;  your raiment is as fragrant blossoms,  fruit of the earth,  healing herbs from nature's bounty.  From every direction stringed instruments  will gladden our hearts;  our friends will be mature and kind,  filled with integrity,  standing beside us in times of need.  Hear, O peoples, consider, and incline your ear;  forget what has gone before you;  turn your feet to the path of Love.  Open your hearts to the Beloved,  learn of humility, be blessed  even in brokenness,  For those are the treasures stored in eternity.  From <i>Psalms for Praying</i> © 2007 Nan C. Merrill</p>