	Pathways Prayer Readings November 2026
Featured Spiritual Mystic/ Writer	**Annie Dillard** (April 30, 1945 – September 15, 2026) was an American author, best known for her narrative prose in both fiction and nonfiction. She wrote books characterized by spare prose and a deep connection to nature, including 1974's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. She didn't write about the simple life. She wrote about how complex life becomes once you eliminate distractions and pay attention to what's left.
Tuesday, November 3 Contemplative Sit	The life of sensation is the life of greed; it requires more and more. The life of the spirit requires less and less.
Wednesday, November 4 Lectio Divina	I hate, I reject your festivals; I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies. If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of food— I won't be pleased; I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals. Take away the noise of your songs; I won't listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. - Amos 5:21-24, Common English Bible
Thursday, November 5 Centering Prayer	O God, save me! YHWH, help me and hurry! Let those who seek my life be humiliated and dazed! Let those who wish me harm flee in disgrace! Those who jeer, Aha! Aha!—make them retreat, covered with shame! Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! Let those who love your salvation forever say, "God is great!" As for me, I am wretched and poor, my God—hurry to my side! You are my rescuer, my help; YHWH, do not delay. - Psalm 70, The Inclusive Bible
Tuesday, November 10 Contemplative Sit	The answer must be, I think, that beauty and grace are performed whether or not we will or sense them. The least we can do is try to be there.

Wednesday, November 11 Lectio Divina	But we belong to the day, so let us be sober. Let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation. God has destined us not to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live together with Christ. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you're already doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11, The Inclusive Bible
Thursday, November 12 Centering Prayer	To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. - Psalm 123:1, 3, NRSVue
Tuesday, November 17 Contemplative Sit	Similarly, the impulse to keep to yourself what you have learned is not only shameful, it is destructive. Anything you do not give freely and abundantly becomes lost to you. You open your safe and find ashes.
Wednesday, November 18 Lectio Divina	I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' …I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me. - Matthew 25: 35-36, 40, Common English Bible
Wednesday, November 18 Iona Healing Prayer (noon)	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday, November 19 Centering Prayer	Acclaim YHWH with joy, all the earth! Serve YHWH with gladness! Enter into God's presence with a joyful song! Know that YHWH is God! YHWH made us, and we belong to the Creator; We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. - Psalm 100:1-3, The Inclusive Bible
Tuesday, November 24 Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address	"Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as people." - Opening excerpt of the Thanksgiving Address
Wednesday, November 25	No Morning Prayer – Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 26	No Morning Prayer – Thanksgiving Break

Additional quotes:

"I cannot cause light; the most I can do is try to put myself in the path of its beam."

"Our life is a faint tracing on the surface of mystery."