

September 11, 2011

Morning Remembrance/Evening Remembrance

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Background Reading as Instrumental Music Is Playing

As the rays of sun ribbon 'round Earth and touch all beings with warmth, may our remembrance-grief of the events of September 11, 2001 be transformed into deeper remembering of interconnections and interdependence among all Universe beings.

Grief wounds from deaths resulting from the destruction of the Twin Towers in New York to the recent assassination of children in Norway shout in deafening tones that violence and terrorism are incompatible with the authentic spirit of faith traditions. Our deepening spiritualities strengthen us to overcome our differences and prejudices and transform these barriers into opportunities for understanding, compassion, connectedness; for support, change and creativity related to justice and peace.

Opening

Sophia, Wisdom, Breath of Life, Fire of Compassion, Earth of Abundance, Water of Healing, I honor your presence within and among us. I re-member with sorrow, I search for hope, I commit to action. Amen.

Scripture Reading

What does our God need from you? Simply do justice, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

—Micah 6:8

Reflection

- How does this ancient challenge of Micah impact my life?
- How would I describe my feelings about the multicultural realities of life here in the US and elsewhere during this second decade of the 21st century?
- How does this ancient challenge of Micah call me to live in the midst of these multicultural realities?

Commitment

To honor the memory of all whose lives were impacted by the events of 9/11, to live the ancient challenge of Micah today, I commit to _____.
Amen.

Read aloud your commitment three times while instrumental music is playing.

Evening Remembrance

Sophia, Wisdom, I thank you for this day of remembering. As Earth moves away from sun this evening and the ribbon rays paint the horizon with beauty, I give thanks for the warmth of Sun and the cooler gift of evening that touch all beings. Strengthen me, Sophia, Wisdom, to live the commitment I have promised. May I be a part of the transformation of the negativity of division and mistrust into the integrity and peace of a welcoming, diverse and just world. Amen.