

Excerpts from Psalm 106 from Psalms for Praying: by Nan C. Merrill

Giver of Life, we praise You!

Awaken us to the Oneness of all things, to the beauty and truth of unity.

May we become aware of the interdependence of all living things, and
come to know You in everything, and
all things in You.

For as we attune to your Presence within us,
we know not separation, and
joy becomes our dwelling place.

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May we embrace Creation as a whole,
and become attuned to all the world;
May we be blessing to the universe, and
see divinity in the within and the without of all things.

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O Great Hunter, search our beings,
awaken our inner eyes and ears;
Come into the Secret Room of our hearts
and be our Guest.
Help us to understand and embrace the fear that binds us,
that we may grow in courage, and challenge injustice where'er it prevails.
For as we withdraw our projections upon others,
balance and harmony adorn us;
Our peaceful presence becomes blessing to the world;
we become at one with all of Creation.
Yes, as our hearts are awakened to Your presence within us,
we are led back to the source of all life.

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Call us, O Beloved, to spaces of solitude, and
times to befriend the Silence,
that we may ever know oh, O Divine One,
that You are with us always,
we cannot hide from your Love.

For You, in whom we live and have our being,
distinguish not our race or creed;
male and female are equal in your sight,
You take pleasure in the richness of diversity!

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May we learn the bitter lesson of judgment-
is but a mirror of ourselves we see.
Increase our willingness to risk, Beloved,
to be open to change and surprises by the Spirit,
to be willing to suffer that our souls may grow;
For our souls increase as we let go,
as we release all diverts and separates us from You.
Gather us together, O Healing Presence,
forgive us for the destruction
we wrought among the nations,
That we may live in peace with all people and bring glory to your Name.

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