

Wisdom

Terce (Traditional hour: mid-morning)

Having asked for direction and guidance, we pray now to equip ourselves properly for the journey ahead.

Opening Let all who desire wisdom
walk in love.

Prayer Holy Lord, giver of all wisdom: Set for us this day the banquet of your word; invite us to feast on the genius and beauty all around us. Then, turn us in humility toward the poor, the oppressed and the weak; we ask this in the name of Jesus, who is Wisdom for ever and ever. **Amen.** ¹²⁰

Praise *A Song of Pilgrimage* (Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22) ¹²¹

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very
young, *

I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, *
and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit, *
she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path, *
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.

I inclined my ear a little and received her; *
I found for myself much wisdom and
became adept in her.

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, *
for I have resolved to live according to her way.

From the beginning I gained courage from her; *
therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being, I have been stirred to seek her; *
therefore have I gained a good possession.

As my reward, the Almighty has given me
the gift of language, *
and with it will I offer praise to God.

Scripture But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. James 3:17-18

Meditation Focus on Wisdom and do not be distracted. Watch the patterns of creation, and you will awaken to grace and tranquility. Proverbs 3:19-22 ¹²²

How will we remain focused today so as to receive wisdom from creation?

Prayers O God, in peace, you have prepared our path for today.
Help us to trace it in peace.
If we speak,
Remove lies from our lips.
If we are hungry,
Rid us of complaint.
If we have plenty,
Flatten the pride in us.
We offer these prayers of our hearts to your wise guidance:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

May we pass through the day, calling on you,
O Lord, who knows no other Lord. Amen. ¹²³

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Holy One, in love you created us and called it good: Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that, wherever this day leads, our lives may remain rooted in your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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