

Spirit of love and giver of life, we bring our love and gratitude for our lives and for the opportunity to be ourselves and to be with others in peace and friendship. We know that full understanding is beyond us, but let us continue to search for truth and to create meaning in our lives through continuous learning, working together in harmony, playful times, and loving times with family.

As we mourn for those we and other have lost, as we hope for speedy recoveries of those who are ill and in pain, we pause to speak the names of those who are in our hearts and minds....Corrine Daniel.....

Every day bring us new challenges and new opportunities. Let us work toward transforming those challenges into greater opportunities.

Let us pause to appreciate our good fortunes, and to think of ways to help those who are not as fortunate as we. For the smallest gesture or helping hand often can

make a huge difference in the life of someone who is suffering.

Let us always smile when we greet little children, listen genuinely to the ideas and feelings of adolescents. Let us remember to say important things to people we love. Let us not regret when someone is gone that we have not told him how much he or she meant to us, or what we appreciate and loved about him. Let us live in such a way that we have no regrets when we get ready to cross that final river.

And let us be together in this church – be together in love and laughter, in good works and service to our fellows. Let us always remember to welcome the stranger, not because that strange might be the Buddha or Jesus in disguise, but because to welcome anyone is to generate more fellowship, more collegiality, more love. “For I was a stranger, and you took me in.” Let no one leave this place feeling like a stranger, but welcomed from the depths of our hearts. For loneliness can be hard to bear, and the welcoming

smile can help to overcome pain that we might never know lay lurking below the surface of someone's countenance.

Let us begin this week anew, with fresh outlooks, with delight in nature, with appreciation of friends and family, with new energy for our work, and with commitment to make the world a better place for more people.

Let us be together in silent meditation.

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.