

Psalm 111 NRSV

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

For Reflection and Prayer:

Was there a word, phrase or image which caught your attention you as you listened to or slowly read the text? Quietly savor this with Jesus.

Notice any felt sense that seems to emerge as you linger with this passage. It might come as a bodily feeling, emotion, metaphor, picture, gesture or sound. See if you can describe it and simply be with it with patient curiosity. Be open to whatever more might emerge.

Perhaps you might want to draw, color or journal your conversation.

As the time of prayer comes to a close, share some quiet moments with Jesus, simply resting safely in his presence.

Psalm 111 Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill

Praise the Beloved, O my soul!
I will give thanks to You with my whole heart,
to all who will listen, I will tell of your goodness.
Wonderous is Creation, Great Builder;
I take pleasure in pondering your Work.
Full of honor and integrity are your teachings;
those who follow them will find new life.
You lift the hearts of those who suffer;
You come to them in their need.

Your steadfast love is food for the soul,
nourishment in times of fear.
You are ever-mindful of your covenant,
a very Presence to the weary and afflicted.
Your voice is truth to those with ears to hear,
your precepts are sure;
Written on the hearts of your people, they are
to be lived forever with faith-filled love and assurance.

You bring new life to the world;
Yes! life in abundance is your gift to us.
Holy and glorious is your Name!
Reverence for You, O Holy One, is the
beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all who practice it.
Your Spirit endures forever!