



continuing the journey of

# transforming grace:

## transforming practice

September 29, 2024

### *Opening Song*

O Lord Hear My Prayer | Taizé

### *Scripture*

World Council of Churches

Give me a heart of poverty, able to love  
and open up and give myself to others.  
Give me a heart of patience,  
able to love and live in hope.  
Give me a heart of peacefulness able to love  
and sow peace in the world.  
Give me a heart of justice, able to love and  
measure myself by the standard of justice.  
Give me a heart of mercifulness, able to love and  
understand and forgive others.  
Give me a heart of sensitivity, able to love  
and weep without being discouraged.  
Give me a heart of purity, able to love and  
see God in everyone.  
Give me a heart of strength, able to love and  
be faithful unto death.  
Give me a heart touched by the Gospel, able to love.

### *Scripture*

John 17: 17b, 17a

"Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth."

### *A Pause in the Midst of Elections*

11 Minute Election 2024 Loving Kindness  
Guided Meditation

### *Practice*

How to Have Conversations with People  
who Disagree with You

Use these questions to guide your cross-partisan  
conversations:

"Which life experiences have shaped your views?"

"Imagine for a moment that you got what you  
wanted in regard to this issue. How would your life  
change?"

"For those who disagree with you, what would you  
like them to understand about you?"

"What do you want to understand about those with  
whom you disagree?"

"Why is this personally important to you?"

(Source: Solutions Journalism)

### **Suggested practice:**

Take a few moments to reflect on these questions.

Choose a conversation partner or small group and  
share your responses.

Now, find a colleague, neighbor or someone that you  
do not know as well and invite them to share their  
responses to these questions, remembering not to  
persuade, but to listen.

### *Closing Prayer*

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,

For as long as the rivers shall flow,

For as long as the sun shall shine,

For as long as the grass shall grow,

Let us know peace.

- Cheyenne Prayer

### *Closing Song*

Song of St. Francis | Simon DeVail

