

For practical understanding of Spirituality.



Spiritual Tools For An Abundant Life- "The 12 Powers of Man"

Using the Powers, One Month at a Time

August — Will

The ability to choose, decide, command, lead, determine.



What kind of a world are you living in?

One of the great blessings we all have is the power to look at the world and make an assessment of what we see. Every one of us does this all day every day. We can look at a single thing and call it what we choose to call it. Beautiful or ugly, valuable or worthless, positive or negative, happy or unhappy.

The things we see in the world of effects are the way that they appear because of the way we are.

To see rightly we must learn to judge what we see rightly.

Matt. 7:1-3 "Judge not, lest ye shall not be judged for whatsoever measure ye met it shall be measured unto you. And why behold thou the mote that in in thy brother's eye, but consider not the beam in thine own eye?"

Righteous judgement is the way we choose to look at the world with the eyes of our Truth principles.

God is the only Presence and Power in all the Universe. God is everywhere present and is always working in and through the lives of every person to bring greater good into expression.

Do I see God in those people who I come in contact with every day?

Do I acknowledge the value that each person has to contribute to the world in their own, unique way?

Do I look for the good in the conditions and circumstances I see in the world?

I can choose righteous judgement when I see a world that is only God and goodness in expression. Though what I see may not seem to be "good", I remember that there is no thing in all the world that is not expressing God at the level of consciousness awareness of the God power within.

You may be tempted to look at the news reports, the health crisis, the economic instability, the problems, the struggles, the injustices and say these are good?

I say all things work together for good and therefore whatever I see is part of a great unfolding of the consciousness of God on Earth.

When I am tempted to get into judgement of people or circumstances and lose sight of the goodness that exists underneath what I see I can choose righteous judgement.

As Unity Christ Church moves forward into a greater expression of good in our future remember to judge righteously. This Church is stretching, growing, expanding into something greater than ever before.

I invite everyone associated with this Church to join me in affirming every day growth, wealth, and success. Affirm the way is opening now to the right and perfect steps to take as we grow.

Unity has a bright future in our community. It has need of everyone to contribute to the living and sharing of our Truth principles to increase the conscious-awareness of the God Presence on Earth.

I choose to see my world today filled with God and goodness everywhere I go. I choose to judge my world as good and very good.

Stay in peace,

Rev. Leslie Venable

Spiritual Leader-Unity Christ Church

UCC Affirmations for August 2021

For I walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Week 1

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours,

Mark 11:24

Week 2

And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.

Matthew 21:21

Week 3

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong

1 Corinthians 16:13

Week 4

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Week 5

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

REFLECTIONS

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Daily Inspiration From Unity

July/August 2021 issue is now available in our bookstore.

Each bi-monthly issue includes daily affirmative messages, feature articles and spiritual poetry. These books are written to support people of all beliefs.

Thoughts From The Heart

I have been thinking about the Idea that, *"I AM the Will of God in Expression"*. As I ponder this thought, all kinds of memories flood my mind as I recall all the challenges and growth that I have evolved through in attaining this state of consciousness that is now mine; where I truly know and experience that I AM the Divine Will of God in expression.

I recall when I first realized and started to truly accept the Idea that I was responsible for all that I experience in my life. I remember the struggle involved in changing my thoughts and moving into a place of acceptance of this new realization. There were many days and, nights committed to denials and affirmations; and my rigorous schedule of prayer and meditation was quite a creation. I remember thinking, 'I AM truly praying without ceasing!'

I recall the mental and physical changes that occurred in my mind and body as I gradually ascended to new states of consciousness. I remember the pull of holding on and the desire to let go. Each time the chemicalization process began I was elated as I allowed the Spirit Within to clear away all erroneous thoughts and beliefs that were holding on so tenaciously to my being. How ecstatic I was as my thoughts and feeling became amazingly clear. How energized and invigorated I felt as I rested in the results of this regenerative process; anxiously anticipating the next nudges that would call me to move deeper within initiating the process of change once again.

I remember asking myself each time a transition in consciousness began, "What is God's Will for me?" Of course, as all good Unity students do, I would always go back to those early teachings where I learned that God's Will for me is GOOD and only GOOD. I also remember thinking how emotionally challenging and painful this process could be at times, but at the same time, remembering how much Unconditional Love I felt at the end of each transition in consciousness as I rested gently in the Presence and Power of God Within.

I clearly remember each time I turned within and desired to move more deeply within my being how that still small voice of the Christ Within seemed to call my name and gradually started to possess my thoughts feelings and ways of being. I remember the great feeling of ecstasy as I would commune with the Presence within me. I began to experience God's Will for me. I began to feel emotionally fulfilled and at ease, my body became very healthy and felt like internal harmony. My life just seems to flow with ease, no real major challenges, just a sense of endless peace.

With this process in place, I begin to perceive more clearly that I have indeed created all these life experiences and I now choose to create only the positive. With this commitment, God's Will for me begins to be my passion and vision. I began to know and experience that God's Will for me is to be totally and completely at One with Its Presence. With this thought in my mind, I continue in faith and perseverance and the goal for my life is to fulfill God's desire for me--- To be One with everyone and One with everything and to know, acknowledge and accept that I AM the Presence and Power of God in expression, radiating all the qualities of the Image and Likeness of God that I AM.

After all of these movements in awareness and consciousness that I have evolved through, I have come to realize that all of these experiences I have had were God's Will for me, to bring me back to the remembrance of my Oneness with the Presence and my True Identity.

So as we continue on our Spiritual Journey discerning God's Will for Us, let us always remember that all of the challenges, changes and experiences we go through in this life are for our growth and for our Highest Good. Each progression in consciousness serves to focus us within and bring us back to the remembrance of the Truth of our Being. Thus, allowing us to know that, "There is Nothing in the Universe but God" and that all of these life experiences were created by the Christ Within to call us back to the remembrance of our Oneness with God.

Let Us Daily Affirm: *"I AM the Will of God in Expression"*

Blessings as You Spiritually Unfold,

Juankee J. McKinney

Affirmations

Health-I am a child of God and I do not inherit sickness or disease. The healing power of God fills my mind and my body. I am centered in perfect health and harmony.

Prosperity-God is lavish, unfailing abundance, the rich omnipresent substance of the Universe. This all-providing Source of infinite prosperity is individualized as me.

Wisdom- I am a creative person with my own unique relationship with the divine flow. I am always one with the source of boundless ideas, creativity and success!

World Peace- With God's help, I am now deliberately and joyously radiating divine love to myself, my world, and to all humankind.

Prayer for Unity Christ Church

We now let go of all the events of the past with love and gratitude.

We affirm that all things are always working together
For good and we give thanks for our heritage.

We stretch forth with a mighty faith in the Infinite Mind of God
To grow, prosper, and move this church into our greater service to
Each other, our community, and our world.

And so it is, amen

Unity Readings

How I Used Truth-Emilie Cady

Our great basic statement is “All is good, because all is God.” In other words, God is the only intelligence, the only life at the center of every form of existing life. We say that we believe the highest manifestation of God is in human-kind, that God ever abides at the center of all people and is always in the process of manifesting more and more of Himself, pure intelligence, perfect love, through our consciousness until we come to be consciously one with the Father in all things.

Do you believe this statement? If you believe it, where is there any cause for anxiety that you feel about your loved ones who are not, as you say, in Truth?

If we truly believe that “all is good” we should not be troubled about those who apparently are going wrong. They may be going wrong according to our limited conception of right and wrong. But my brother, my sister, you are not your brother’s keeper. He that will redeem, indeed, He that has already redeemed your brother or sister lives within him or her. The Christ, who ever loves at the center of every soul, “will neither slumber nor sleep.” God works in others to bring them to themselves just as much as He is working in you and in me. We have absolutely nothing to fear about the eventual success of this worker. God never fails.

God is leading your friend by a way you do not and cannot know. It is a safe and sure way; it is the shortest and only way. It is the Christ way the within way. “I am the door”, says the Christ within every soul. “If any man enter in, he shall be saved.” Jn 10:9

Now you are trying to have your friend enter through your door. Your friend must enter through his own Christ, his own desire, and you must leave him alone to the workings of that indwelling One is you want him to manifest good.

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Weekly SCHEDULE

CONNECT CARD

MON *A COURSE IN MIRACLES (ACIM) - 6:30 PM
(CONFERENCE CALL)

WED *WORDS OF WISDOM (W.O.W) BOOK DISCUSSION -
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CHURCH LOBBY)

THUR *PRAYER & MEDITATION - 10:30 AM
(CONFERENCE CALL)

SUN * PRAYER & MEDITATION - 9:45 AM
* SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:30 AM

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