

REGIONAL GATHERING – OPENING PRAYER
FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 2024

Call to Prayer

Great Source of Wisdom, give me an open mind,
an open heart, and open will.

Still my voices of judgment, cynicism and fear.

Fill me with your sacred light.

Breathe in me your holy inspiration. Amen.

Adapted from St. Bonaventure

[Learning to Sit with Not Knowing](#) by [Carrie Newcomer](#)

LYRICS: Learning to Sit with Not Knowing

Learning to sit with not knowing
When I don't see where it's going
I'll cool my heels and start slowing
I'm learning to sit with not knowing

I'm learning to live with what's next
What if and my best guess
Be kinder when it's a process
I'm learning to live with what's next

Here's a clear space that I've chosen
Where the denseness of this world opens
Where there's something holding steady and true
Regardless of me or you

I'm learning to live with high stakes
Befriending my mistakes
Lay my hand where my heart aches
I'm learning to live with high stakes

Here's a clear space that I've chosen
Where the denseness of this world opens
Where there's something holding steady and true

Regardless of me or you

[INSTRUMENTAL]

Learning to live with what takes time
The ribbon across some finish line
Stop feeling I'm always a day behind
I'm learning to live with what takes time

I'm learning to sit with not knowing
When I don't see where it's going
I'll cool my heels and start slowing
I'm learning to sit with not knowing
I'm learning to sit with not knowing
I'm learning to sit with not knowing



Loving God, support each of us in this meeting that is now beginning.

Grant us the courage to be open to each other,
and not be fearful of the new and different.

Help us not just to hear, but to listen carefully,
And to respect the opinion of others.

Strengthen us with willingness to risk
for the sake of the Common Good.

As we come together today, help us to discover
new and creative ways to respond to the challenges that face us
as we work with compassion and equality in our communities.

May we be supportive of one another,
and concerned above all else for those who come to us in need.
May your spirit be upon us this day and all the days of our lives.

Amen.