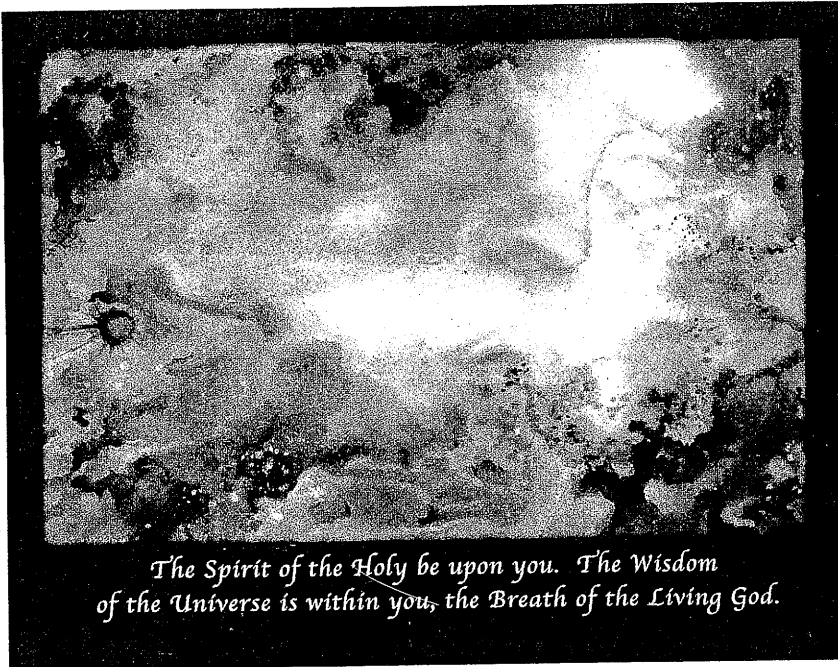


# Words of Hope and Comfort



*The Spirit of the Holy be upon you. The Wisdom  
of the Universe is within you, the Breath of the Living God.*

## A Collection of Prayers and Reflections



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## Creators at Work

A Spirituality of work is based on a heightened sense of sacramentality, of the idea that everything that is, is holy and that our hands consecrate it to the service of God. When we grow radishes in a small container in a city apartment, we participate in creation. We sustain the globe. When we sweep the street in front of a house in the dirtiest city in the country, we bring new order to the universe. We tidy the Garden of Eden. We make God's world new again. When we repair what has been broken or paint what is old or give away what we have earned that is above and beyond our own sustenance, we stoop down and scoop up the earth and breathe into it new life again, as God did one morning in time only to watch it unfold an unfold and unfold through the ages. When we wrap garbage and recycle cans, when we clean a room and put coasters under glasses, when we care for everything we touch and touch it reverently, we become the creators of a new universe....Work enables us to put our personal stamp of approval, our own watermark, the autograph of our souls on the development of the world. In fact, to do less is to do nothing at all.

*Joan Chittister  
There is a Season*

## A Call to Serve

God has created me for some definite service;  
God has committed some work to me  
which he has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.  
I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connection between persons.  
I shall do good; I shall do God's work.  
I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place.

*John Cardinal Newman*