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ENCOUNTERS

**A JOURNAL OF HOLY VISITATION**

JUNE-SEPTEMBER





JUSTICE... LOVE... SAFETY... BEAUTY... PEACE... COMPASSION... CREATIVITY... MERCY... WISDOM

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## HEBREWS 2:4

*God added testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to God's will.*

# INSTRUCTIONS

*We encourage you and a group of friends to take time this summer recognizing, noting, and resting in your encounters with the Holy Spirit. Throughout our days, we are neighbored by God's presence. Let it be a source of daily encouragement as you journal and pray over these encounters.*



# DAILY PRAYER OF RECOGNITION



Beloved Creator,  
I looked for you today.  
Something holy has come before my eyes.

I listened for you today.  
Something holy has passed through my ears.

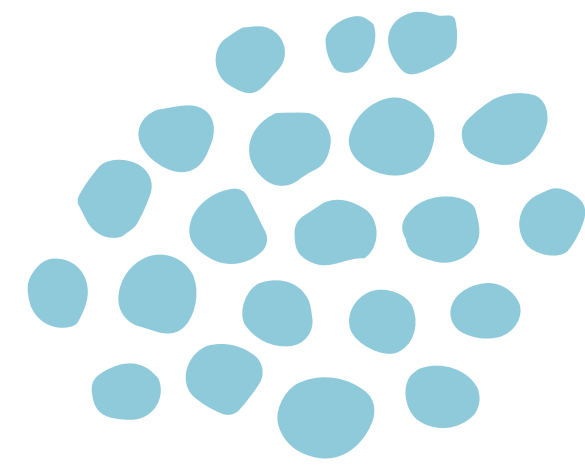
I desired you today.  
Something holy has satisfied a need.

What a comfort it is to live life knowing you  
are all around, reminding me of the good in  
the world that is YOU.

Amen.

Written by: Monique Crain Spellsi

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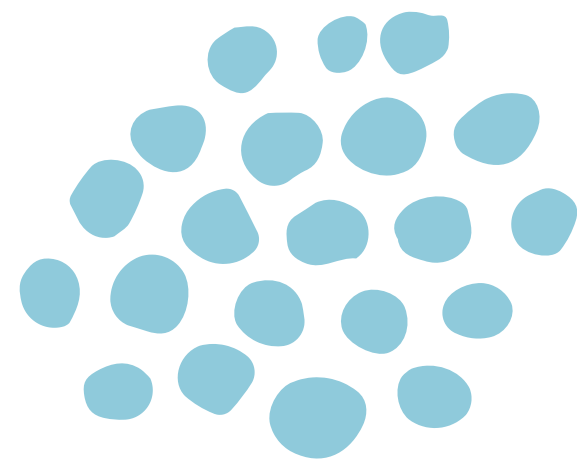


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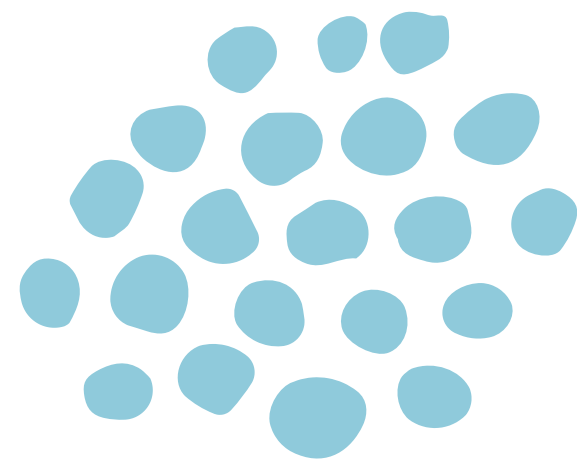
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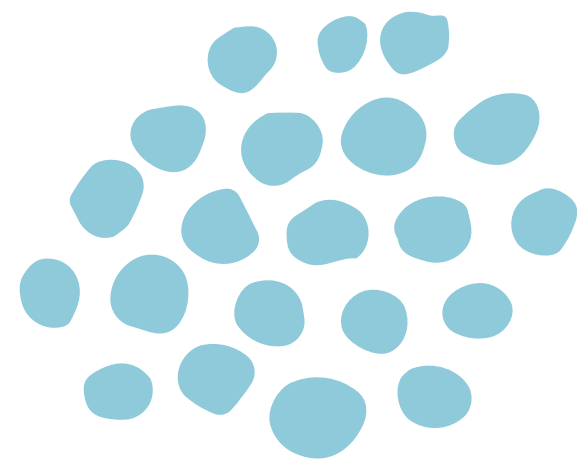


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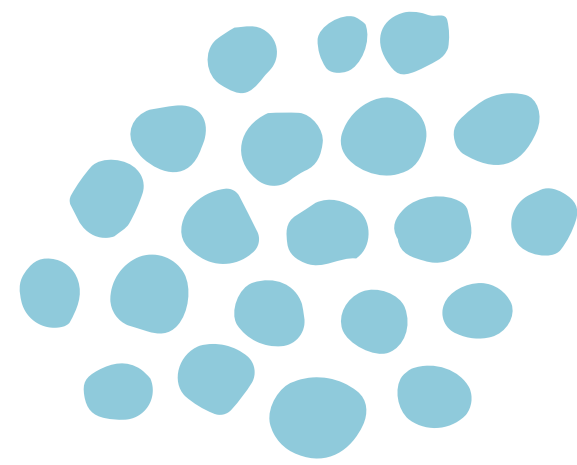
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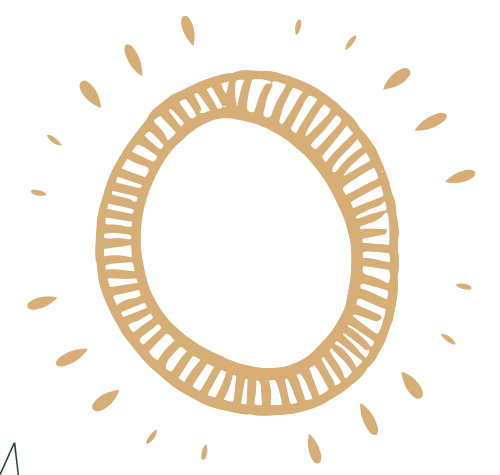


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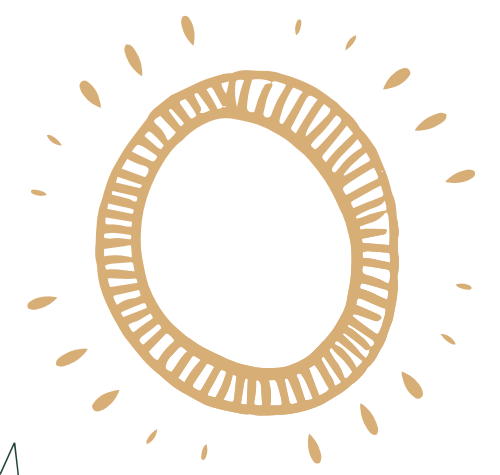


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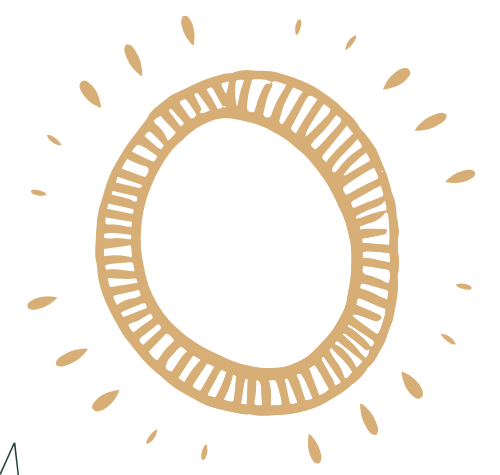
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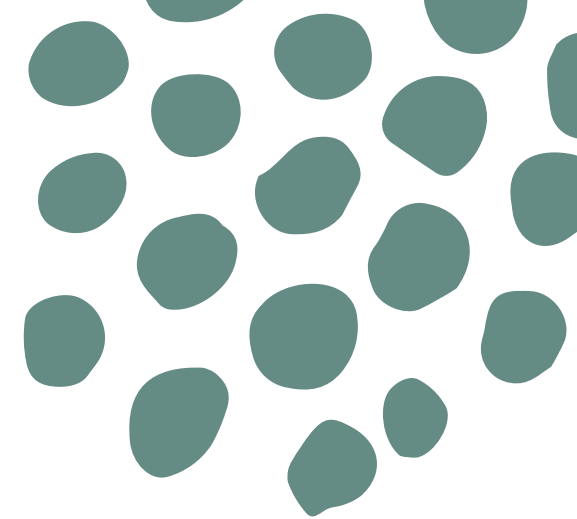


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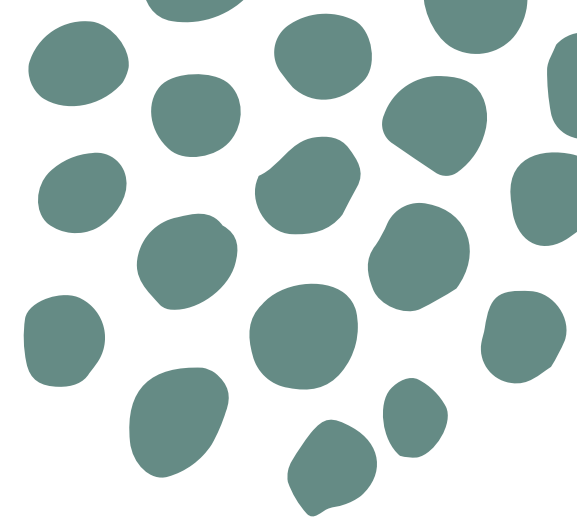
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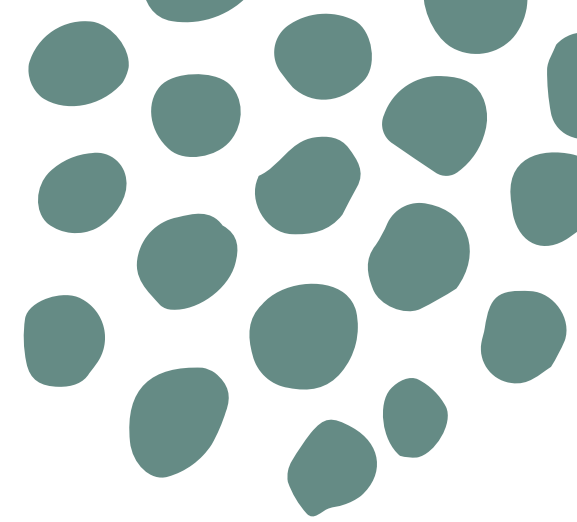


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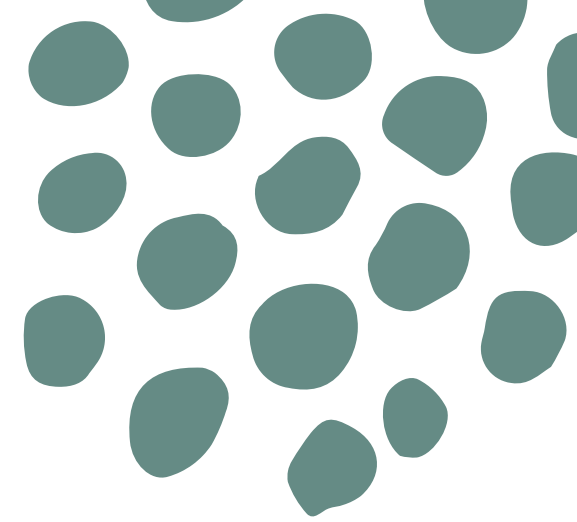
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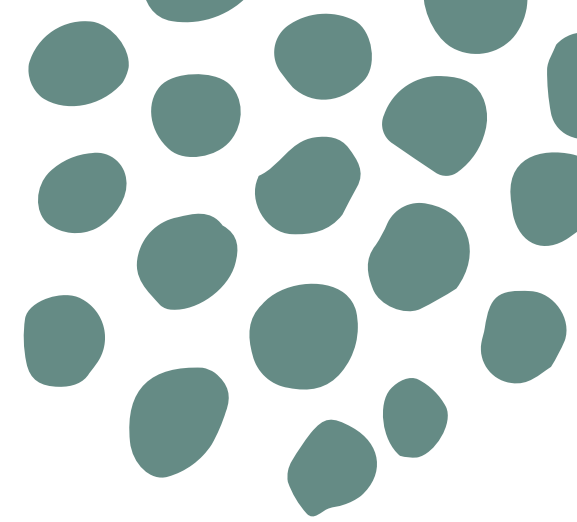


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# CLOSING POEM

In Summer

Paul Laurence Dunbar

Oh, summer has clothed the earth  
In a cloak from the loom of the sun!  
And a mantle, too, of the skies' soft blue,  
And a belt where the rivers run.  
And now for the kiss of the wind,  
And the touch of the air's soft hands,  
With the rest from strife and the heat of life,  
With the freedom of lakes and lands.  
I envy the farmer's boy  
Who sings as he follows the plow;  
While the shining green of the young blades lean  
To the breezes that cool his brow.

He sings to the dewy morn,  
No thought of another's ear;  
But the song he sings is a chant for kings  
And the whole wide world to hear.

He sings of the joys of life,  
Of the pleasures of work and rest,  
From an o'erfull heart, without aim or art;  
'T is a song of the merriest.  
O ye who toil in the town,  
And ye who moil in the mart,  
Hear the artless song, and your faith made strong  
Shall renew your joy of heart.  
Oh, poor were the worth of the world  
If never a song were heard,—  
If the sting of grief had no relief,  
And never a heart were stirred.  
So, long as the streams run down,  
And as long as the robins trill,  
Let us taunt old Care with a merry air,  
And sing in the face of ill.



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