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Through the Eyes of St Louis de Montfort's Four Means of Attaining Wisdom

Second Sunday of Advent: IS 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8

Attaining Divine Wisdom: Unceasing Prayer

"You cannot find Wisdom unless you ask.

And this is done through prayer.

But how shall you pray?

First, pray without wobbling.

Do not let your mind bounce from this to that and back again,
But pray without wavering, with your mind centered and focused.

Pray with a mind unclouded with visions, distractions, revelations.

Faith based on the miraculous blinds us to the ordinary. (#184, 185)

Pray unceasingly. There is no time frame for receiving Wisdom,
She fills you when you have made room for her.

Quiet Prayer asking God to help me to recognize, make room for Divine Wisdom:

- ❖ *in my home and family,*
- ❖ *in the beauty of nature*
- ❖ *in my busyness*
- ❖ *in those who suffer in refugee camps, in poverty, in loneliness*
- ❖ *in my longing for peace in our country and world*
- ❖ *in times of faith and times of doubt*
- ❖ *in my very being*
- ❖ *in _____*



A voice of one crying out in the desert:
Prepare the way of God. (MK 1)

God is waiting to see how great is your desire,
Made manifest in your persistent knocking.
If you despair and depart, God knows you were not ready.
Knock until you are certain the door will never open,
And then knock once more
And you will discover it was never locked. (#190)

I do not seek to keep wisdom for myself.
On the contrary, I desire only to share her,
For the welfare of the world
Depends upon a growing community of the wise. (#3)



Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. (IS 40:1)



Excerpts from Montfort's Love of Eternal Wisdom by Rabbi Rami Shapiro.

