

"There is something of God in every man, let us affirm it more certainly than ever, but surrounded as we are by millions of new-made graves and with the voices of the hungry and the dispossessed in our ears, let us not easily accept the impious hope that the natural goodness of ourselves is sufficient stuff out of which to fashion a better world."

~ Gilbert H. Kilpack, 1914-1999

"The Seed, or Grace of God, is small in its first Appearance, even as the Morning Light; but as it is given Heed to, and obeyed, it will increase in Brightness, till it shine in the Soul, like the Sun in the Firmament at its Noon-day Height." ~ Elizabeth Bathurst, 1655-1685

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." ~Reinhold Niebuhr

QUERIES:

1. With over 2.63 million+ worldwide deaths from COVID19, since March of 2020, in what ways has the pandemic affected my spiritual life, the work I do, and the communities I move amongst?

2. As we experience profound individual and collective grieving, what sources of strength sustain me?

3. Eileen Flanagan spoke to "The Wisdom to Know the Difference: Discerning what is ours to accept and what is ours to change". How do I discern, for myself, what is mine to accept and what is mine to change? In what ways might my individual discernment contribute to my Monthly Meeting or worship group?