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granting us wisdom, humility and  
open hearts.

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peace and compassion we find here  
Wherever we may go.

Amen.

### **Prayer**

- Has your prayer been regular?
- Has it been difficult? easy?
- Are there special needs? Questions?
- Have any resources been especially helpful?
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- How has your study been this week?
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