



Radiance – the Power of magnificence, how the Universe communicates. To radiate is the law of the Universe. This is true of everything. The power of radiance is an expression of the mysterious way in which the Universe cannot contain the magnificence it houses. Instead it is compelled to express itself in ten million different ways.

Honoring the South and the element of Fire

- Light the central fire (alcohol and Epsom salt mixture)
- Light the candles for the four directions
- Hold Fire in the direction of South...offer praise for the Sun and Fire element
- Salute to the SUN! (Do the Sun salutation...modified for those who cannot get to the floor)

Song: “Awakening to Radiance” (Kathy Sherman - Song of the Universe)

Energy trembling, shifting and quaking, giving,
Receiving the life from within!
Energy streaming, flashing and beaming,
Awakening us to the radiance within.

Awakening the chakras:

- Root chakra, base of spine, security; Sexual chakra, lower abdomen, sexuality, creativity; Solar Plexus, solar plexus region, power, accomplishments; Heart, center of chest, love; Throat, communication; Third Eye, middle of forehead, intuition; Crown, top of head, cosmic consciousness with Divine.
- Activate the chakras starting from the root/base chakra

Reading:

- All the powers of the Universe are one, seamlessly involved with one another, present everywhere in the Universe, coursing through us, trying to bring forth Radiance.
- The most powerful presence of Radiance is the SUN. In its core, the Sun creates helium out of compressed hydrogen, releasing Light. The moon also has Radiance, but not from creating light through fusion as the Sun does. It is an ongoing activity of the universe to Radiate. Even in the depths of the earth, everything radiates LIGHT. Radiance is the primary language of the Universe.
- The 20th century mystic, Thomas Merton saw with clarity the gap between this stunning reality and our capacity to see it, and wondered how we might tell people that they are walking around shining like the Sun. (Brian Swimme, *Powers of the Universe*)

Song: "Without the Sun" (Jan Novotka - Lovers of Life)

Celebrate the gift of the Sun.

Receive its energy. Enjoy its warmth, the light, the power;

Food and drink for all come from the Sun.

Every thought and act and deed comes from the Sun.

- Go outside and reflect on the gifts of the SUN and its Radiance (Vitamin D). Consider times, experiences in your life when you have felt, experienced Radiance, Light, Passion, Energy that resulted in a certain activity.
- Invitation to Share experience.

Song: "Sacred Fire" (Jan Novotka – Melodies of the Universe)

Sacred Fire, burning before me, burning within me deep in my soul.

Sacred Fire, transforming Fire, recreate me, make me whole.



Prayer: Forgive all that binds me in fear, that I might Radiate Love;

Cleanse me that Your Light might shine in me. (Psalm 51)

- May we embrace Creation as a whole, and become attuned to all the world;
- May we be blessing to the Universe, and see Divinity in the within and the without of all things. (Psalm 106)
- We give thanks to You, who are the Source of Love; whose Light shines forth throughout the Universe!
- The energy of Love Radiates in everything, and receptive hearts are purified by its Fire.
- Blessed are the children of Light, for they know their home in the Universal Heart. For we are invited to Radiate the Divine Presence, to be blessing to one another. (Psalm 107)
- Be exalted, O Radiant One, throughout the Universe! Let your Glory extend to the ends of the Earth! (Psalm 108) (Nan Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*)

Creed:

Leader: In the star we call the "Sun", converting six hundred million tons of hydrogen into helium every second for more than 4 billion years.

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.

Leader: In all the other billions of stars in the Milky Way galaxy and in all the planets:

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.

Leader: In the hundreds of billions of other galaxies, each with billions of stars:

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.

Leader: In a universe beyond our comprehension, expanding a billion miles every hour:

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.

Leader: Here on Earth where conditions are ideal for life to appear and prosper:

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.

Leader: In the emergence of human life:

- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.
- Leader: In Jesus of Nazareth:
- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.
- Leader: In you and me:
- **All:** We see the presence of the God in whom we believe.



Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Wine

Leader: We give expression to the Spirit within us and give thanks for the wonder of who we are and for our conscious awareness of that Spirit at work in everything that exists. We give thanks for Jesus in whom the Spirit was able to work freely and was able to articulate insights and convictions that open our minds to the presence of the Spirit of Life in our midst. We give thanks and break and share bread, as Jesus broke and shared bread, committing ourselves to love generously as the “body of Christ”.

We drink wine as Jesus shared wine with his friends, mindful of our bonding with all that exists through the Spirit creatively present with and among us. To being the presence of God in our world as a Radiant power of the Universe, we say, Amen.

Communal Prayer

Closing

Have you ever seen anything in your life more wonderful than the way
the Sun, every evening, relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon and into the clouds or the hills, or the ruffled sea, and is gone----
and how it slides again out of the blackness, every morning,
on the other side of the world, like a red flower streaming upwards
on its heavenly oils on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance----
and have you felt for anything such wild love----

do you think there is anywhere in any language,
a word billowing enough for the pleasure that fills
you,
as the sun reaches out, as it warms you as you
stand there, empty handed----

or have you too turned from this world----
or have you too gone crazy for power for
things?

(Mary Oliver)

