

Stability

We gather with listening hearts,

Truly present to those around us, wherever we are.
People who stay the distance.
People of perseverance and persistence.

The water continuously runs in the river and its water is always new.
The Hoojooki, Kamono Choomei

There are many avenues of life that require long-term commitment. To be a brain surgeon or a concert pianist is impossible without a huge investment of resources: money, time, energy. The fifteen minutes of fame garnered by Olympic athletes is purchased by years of training, serious sacrifices, and often, many injuries.

It is foolish to think that in the altogether more important area of making a success of our life we can make progress without effort and perseverance. Without a firm, stable, and long-lasting act of the will, we will not go anywhere.

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When a sister is to be received, she comes before the whole community in the oratory and promises stability, fidelity to monastic life, and obedience. RB 58:17

What motivates you to persevere and remain present to others when things become difficult?

Loving God, grant us the wisdom to be truly present to others with a listening heart. Through perseverance and persistence, may we come to deepen our commitment to our communities, families and friends. May we remain loyal and steadfast through difficult times and grow in our capacity to manage change in our lives.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.