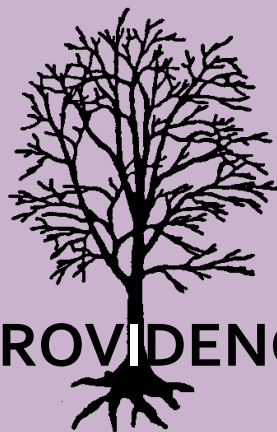




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“We know the God of Providence as the God of possibilities who lovingly lures us, yet always allows us freedom in our decisions and choices.” — Michele Bisbey, CDP

We are clay in the Potter’s hand uniquely created with possibilities that no one else has. Each an original masterpiece created lovingly with freedom to make choices. Awesome! Mysterious!

The realization of being graced with personal freedom from our God of Providence can draw us to a contemplative place, to a deeper awareness of our uniqueness and call to further God’s Kingdom in whatever way we choose.

It is difficult to make choices today as the ugliness of divisiveness, lack of civility and violence continually surface shattering relationships and deepening mistrust among families and friends, cities and nations.

There is an answer, if we allow ourselves to be lovingly lured by our God of possibilities to rest, relax and sink into the silence of the heart of God and to listen - to listen to the One whose language is silence. This is not always easy. Sometimes it takes courage to really listen and to respond to the urgings of the Spirit. Deep faith and trust in the Providence of God and the freedom we received can help and guide us in our choices and decisions. If we live in this spirit, the relationship with God deepens and freedom to make life-giving choices blossoms and the reign of God strengthens.

We are Providence people. We believe God is always with us. The liturgical season of Advent helps to deepen our awareness of Jesus’ loving presence in our lives, always luring us to transformation and new life for ourselves and for the human family.

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