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Prayer in Praise of God's Life, Wisdom, and Love

THIS IS THE WORLD where God expresses His life, wisdom, and love. God supports this growing, developing, and advancing world with His life. This world is conceived, designed, and organized through His wisdom; therefore, His beauty is expressed throughout. Because He is the creator of all things, God's love is manifested in all things. God's love nurtures and enables everything to develop and grow, helping and sustaining each other and creating a utopia of love. Without God's love, everything in this world will be disjointed and scattered in all directions, and there will be neither harmony nor peace. Without love, the design and beauty planned by wisdom cannot be sustained for long. God's love brings all things together in harmony as they develop, grow, and bear fruit.

Trees flourishing in the mountains, grasses growing in the fields, insects swarming in the grasses, birds large and small flying over the mountains and fields, and domestic animals and all other living things in infinite number are all expressing God's life, wisdom, and love. When we see these things and hear their voices, we cannot help but feel deeply moved that God is always here.

When I see mother birds feeding their young fledglings, I too recall the love our parents gave us when we were helpless infants. The love of mother birds and the love of our parents are both expressions of God's love. Without His love, we certainly would not be able to exist

on this earth. Our parents are the personified God who provides and protects us with His love. For that reason God said, "Those who are grateful to God but cannot be grateful to their parents are against the Divine Will" (Divine Message of Grand Harmony).

There is an ancient saying, "Filial piety is the source of all virtues." God's love is manifested through parental love, and there is no greater love than that of a parent for his child. Therefore, by returning His love, all virtues will be realized.

While the beauty of form is born from God's wisdom, the beauty of our mind is brought forth from His love. Where there is no wisdom, there will be no beauty of form. Where there is no love, there will be no beauty of the mind. Wisdom, love, and life work to manifest indwelling wisdom, love, and life. When we look at everything that exists, we must recognize the indwelling life of God and express our gratitude and praise to the beauty that is being conveyed. Furthermore, as we see the Truth that God protects all things with His love and unites us all in perfect harmony, we cannot help but place our hands together in prayer in gratitude to God for His love and protection.

O God, thank you very much!

—From *Hikari No Izumi*,
"Fountain of Light," December 1975, pp. 24-25