



Sacred Text

National Donor Sabbath

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The following scriptures are selected because of their message of giving, healing, and understanding of the relationship between human beings. They can be used as calls to worship, responsive readings, and affirmations of faith. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but is a starting point for worship resources and sermon ideas.

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2:20-30	Bone transplant: A rib taken from Adam to give life to Eve
Leviticus 1:7	“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”
Deuteronomy 30:15-20	“Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”
Psalms 41	Images of a healing Lord
Psalms 107	“Consider the steadfast love of the Lord.”
Psalms 111	“I give thanks to the Lord.”
Psalms 116	“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”
Psalms 145	“The Lord is gracious and merciful.”
Psalms 147	“Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-17	“For everything there is a season. . .”
Isaiah 35:1-6	“Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.” “. . . the eyes of the blind shall be opened. . .”

New Testament

Matthew 5:7	“Blessed are the merciful.”
Matthew 7:12	“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you. . .”
Matthew 25: 31-46	Caring for the stranger
Luke 4:16-21	“. . . recovery of sight to the blind.”
Luke 6:37-38	“Give and it will be given to you.”
John 3:16-17	“God so loved the world that He gave . . .”
John 10:10	“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
John 15:12-17	“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
II Corinthians 9:6-8	“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
I John 4:11	“Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.”
Revelation 21:4-5	In eternity we will not need our earthly bodies: “Former things will pass away, all things will be made new.”

Zen Buddhist Sacred Texts

Zen Buddhists – The ‘Jataka Tales’ are ancient stories/myths/accounts in which selflessness and generosity are the hallmarks. There may also be suitable references in the ‘Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha’.

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