



## **Prayer, Music, Scripture, Reflection**

### **Welcome to worship with NewDay!**

We hope you are able to find communion with God and our community this morning as we remember Jeremiah 32:27: *Behold, I am the God of all the peoples of the world. Is there anything too hard for me?*

Please join us for a potluck after the service!

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### **Prayer Connects Us With Our Ceator**

#### **Psalm 139 (CEB)**

##### **ALL:**

**<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have examined me.**

**You know me.**

**<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I stand up.**

**Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.**

**<sup>3</sup> You study my traveling and resting.**

**You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.**

**<sup>4</sup> There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD,**

**that you don't already know completely.**

##### **Leader:**

*<sup>6</sup> That kind of knowledge is too much for me;*

*it's so high above me that I can't reach it.*

*<sup>7</sup> Where could I go to get away from your spirit?*

*Where could I go to escape your presence?*

##### **Leader:**

*<sup>11</sup> If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;*

*the light will become night around me,"*

*<sup>12</sup> even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!*

*Nighttime would shine bright as day,*

*because darkness is the same as light to you!*

##### **ALL:**

**<sup>13</sup> You are the one who created my innermost parts;**

**you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.**

**<sup>14</sup> I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.**

**Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.**

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***Are there ways God is asking you to connect, to trust and delight in Him, to enjoy Him, to shine through Him?***

#### **Psalm 37:4-6**

Enjoy the Lord,

and he will give what your heart asks.

Commit your way to the Lord!

Trust him! He will act

and will make your righteousness

shine like the dawn,

your justice like high noon.

#### **Psalm 139**

<sup>17</sup> God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!

Their total number is countless!

<sup>18</sup> If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!

<sup>23</sup> Examine me, God! Look at my heart!

Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me,

then lead me on the eternal path!

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### **Prayer Aligns Our Heart to God**

#### **Hosea 6:1-3**

Come, let's return to the Lord;

for it is he who has injured us and will heal us;

he has struck us down, but he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

so that we may live before him.

Let's know, let's press on to know the Lord;

whose appearing is as certain as the dawn;

who will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that give drink to the earth.

#### **Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)**

##### **The first step is to Read scripture, (lectio)**

Notice, what is the passage saying? Listen for a particular word or phrase that speaks to you at this moment and sit with it for a time.

**The second step is to Meditate, (meditatio)**

Let the word or phrase that stands out become the beginnings of a dialogue with God. Notice your thoughts, feelings, and memories, that emerge. Listen for God's spirit inside of you and for anything God is saying to you.

**The third step is to Pray, (oratio)**

Read the text a third time. What is God saying to you in these words and what do you want to say to God? Share your thoughts with God.

**The final step is to Contemplate, (contemplatio)**

This time, read the scripture silently to yourself and contemplate God's promptings. What gift has God given you to take away from this prayer? To what action might God be inviting you?

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**Prayer Gives Us Perspective**

**From Anxiety to Peace:**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**From Not Knowing to Knowing:**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.”

**From Weakness and Doubt to Strength and Faith:**

**Romans 8:26-30**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for, as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those who he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Prayer Moves God’s Heart**

**James 5:13-16 (unison reading)**

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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**NOTES / REFLECTIONS / INSIGHTS**

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**NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values: We Are...**

- ...a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- ...a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- ...passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- ...a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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