

## Talking + Listening = Prayer

Psalm 139

Prayer is “an \_\_\_\_\_.”  
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 (author unknown)

You know that prayer has become an intimate conversation when you have **n** \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

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<sup>5</sup> You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I

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was woven together in the depths of the earth, <sup>16</sup> your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

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<sup>19</sup> If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! <sup>20</sup> They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you? <sup>22</sup> I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

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<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### Where to go from here:

▪ Visit <http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – where you will find follow-up questions for you and your small group

▪ Read the following passages slowly, thoughtfully and prayerfully:

▪ Monday: *Psalm 139* ▪ Tuesday: *Psalm 143* ▪ Wednesday: *Psalm 17* ▪ Thursday: *Psalm 69* ▪ Friday: *Psalm 62*