

FIVE DIMENSIONS OF PRAYER
#SermonPrayer
40 Days of Prayer – Part 3
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Psalm 139:7-12 Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence? ⁸ If I went up to heaven, you would be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there. ⁹ If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, ¹⁰ you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me or the light around me to turn into night, ¹² but even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to you. (TEV)

HOW TO PRAY IN FIVE DIMENSIONS

1. LOOK BACKWARDS TO THE CROSS

Hebrews 10:32a Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ... (NLT)

1 Peter 1:18-19 God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. ¹⁹ But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (LB)

2. LOOK UPWARD TO THE FATHER

John 17:1 ...Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time is here. Give your Son glory so that your Son can give you glory. (GW)

Romans 8:15 For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Abba! Father!" (TEV)

God Wants Our Prayers To Be...

- **PERSONAL** - "Abba! Father!"
- **PASSIONATE** - Cry Out!
- **PARTNERSHIP** - By His Spirit

Romans 8:26 In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. (CEV)

3. LOOK INWARD TO MYSELF

Psalm 4:4 But each of you had better tremble and turn from your sins. Silently search your heart as you lie in bed. (CEV)

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. (MSG)

Proverbs 28:13 A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance. (LB)

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins. (NLT)

4. LOOK AROUND TO SERVE

Romans 6:13 ...give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes. (LB)

John 4:35b ...Look around you! Vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping. (LB)

5. LOOK FORWARD IN FAITH

Philippians 1:6 I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

Hebrews 10:23 Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt, and we can tell others that salvation is ours, for there is no question that he will do what he says. (LB)