

INSPIRED WORD
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9/11 Reflections

PRAYER

Glory to You, Lord. All of our faith, all of our hope, all of our trust – in You, Lord Jesus Christ. We come here tonight to give You glory, to praise You, O Lord. Be here with us, Jesus, mighty Lord, mighty God, Son of the Father, Incarnate Love. Lord, we welcome You!

PRAYER

Dear God, the very words of that song – dear Lord, I am lost without You; I am desperate for You, with a holy desperation. I am so desperate for You, O Lord, I cannot continue in any way forward without You. I am totally lost and desperate without You, O holy God. And I just ask that You would make way for me to be in Your presence this night, to be in Your holy presence, in holy desperation as I come before You. I am desperate for You, O Lord, I am desperate for You. Halleluiah to the Lamb!

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm what Jimmie and Chuck just said. Jesus says, *“With me, you can do anything. Anything is possible with God. Without me, you can do nothing”* (John 15:5).

PROPHECY

I just hear the Lord saying, “Stop struggling, stop trying. Rest in me and be.”

IMAGE / SHARING

I had a vision of putting my problems into my hand, all of them, and then reaching that hand out to God and He said to me, “When you keep your problems away from me, you say you can take care of them by yourself.” And I need to say to God out loud, maybe even to everybody, “I can’t deal with my problems by myself, so I give them to You, Lord.”

SCRIPTURE / SHARING

From **Romans 8:14-17**: *All who are guided by the Spirit of God are children of God, for what you received was not the spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear. You received the spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself joins with our spirit to bear witness that we are children of God and if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, provided that we share his suffering so to share his glory.* And I just kept getting the sense from the video we watched where it kept saying over and over, “Well, where is God in this?”, and the promises that... When we feel Him most absent is when we have to

step into that gap as children of God in the Spirit of God and cry out “Abba, Father”, and we bring God into the situation and God is present in an even more powerful way. And that’s what it means to be the family of God. It’s not about Him doing all the work. He calls us to be children, family, so that He can be present in our world and in our lives.

PROPHECY

And I hear God’s response is: “I love you all with my everlasting heart.”

SHARING

I’m reminded of the birth of our first son. He was bawling up a storm and my husband drew near and he just said, “There, there”, and the baby was just instantly still. And I was just thinking that that’s what it’s like. (...) you’re calling out, the instinct is so immediate, and there’s the Father, our heavenly Father.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

And I confirm that – all of these things that have been said. In **Revelation 21:3-5** about the new city and the new throne, it says: *And I heard a voice, a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from the eyes. Death will be no more. Mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See. I make all things new.”*

SHARING / PRAYER

This is a reflection I read this week: Our faith is a gift from God through the Holy Spirit and not something that we earn. When we do good deeds, God does not love us more. What changes is that we are more able to accept that free gift of love with which God already loves us. O gracious gift of God, fill us with gratitude for the incredible generosity You have shown us.

SCRIPTURE

From Job **22:21-23, 25-27**: *Agree with God, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty and humble yourself, if you remove unrighteousness far from your tents, ... if the Almighty is your gold, and your precious silver; then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear you.*

PRAYER

Lord, we place this nation at your feet tonight. We humble ourselves and we ask for Your mercy on this great nation which You have blessed for so many years. Bring us to kindness and repentance. Help us to put our trust in You. Heal us, Lord, hear us. Have mercy on us. In Jesus’ name we pray, always, Lord, in Jesus’ name we pray.