

## *The Wonder of Prayer*

When you contemplate the mysteries of God, you invoke a conversation with Him. Your soul seeks to enter into greater depths of God, that you have yet to discover. Contemplation is the true wonder and spirit of prayer. It is where God can speak to us, where He can respond to open and humble hearts. Anyone can talk to God and anyone can contemplate Him too.

**“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, to glorify your name.” John 12:27-28**

How does Jesus pray to the Father? He converses with Him; in His dialogue we see a conversation, (one might say it looks a lot like someone who talks to themselves), but the reality is we are in conversation with God so deeply, contemplating the mysteries and the many facets of His love. Prayer is comprised of more than just asking for something, rather it entails: What might this answer look like; How will God respond; How might I become the answer to my own prayer? Contemplative prayer is active prayer that does not merely deposit a request and then ‘my part’ is over, now it’s God’s turn...active prayer, contemplative prayer is earnestly seeking conversation with God about our prayer and the response to it.

**“I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my People” Jeremiah 31:33**

**“...“So that God may be all in all.” God himself will be the goal of our desires; we shall contemplate him without end, love him without surfeit, praise him without wariness. This gift, this state, this act, like eternal life itself, will assuredly be common to all. CCC 2550**

*I shall place all truth within and all around them and it shall be revealed to them by open and humble hearts. I shall create love within their open hearts and they shall love and be loved.*

The wonder and marvel of prayer is engrained, written upon the fabric of our souls. The ability of contemplation of God, His workings and all His creation, is not just an elite group of people, but for all people to delve into the mystery and wonder that is God...Who is all things. The mysteries of God, are not elusive to the soul that delves into the wonder of prayer, seeking to explore the eternal depths and possibilities of prayer.

*Jesus, help me to discover that in contemplating You, I dive into a greater reality of all things, known and unknown to man. Help me to realize that when I converse with You, I converse with the Great I AM, Who is all things, past, present and future. Grant that my relationship with the Father may grow in intensity and in greater depth as we contemplate together all that is, both seen and unseen. May I always dwell forever in the ecstasy of contemplating the wonder of You. AMEN*