## PRAISE THAT BRINGS PEACE, A Prayer of David

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"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Eph 6:18a "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise." James 5:13 NIV

Prayer of praise:
a)
b)
c)
CONTEXT
<b>"19</b> If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! <b>20</b> They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name." Ps 139:19-20 NIV
"my spirit grows faint within me" Ps 142:3a, 143:4a NIV; "no one is concerned for me no one cares for my life" Ps 142:4b, d NIV; "My heart within me is dismayed." Ps 143:4b NIV; "Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit." Ps 143:7 NIV
What David believed and praised God in Ps 139:  1
"1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familial with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain." Ps 139:1-6 NIV
a)
Is 40:14 NIV, Ps 139:3b-4 NIV, Is 46:10a-b NIV, John 14:29 NIV
b)
Ps 139:3b-4 NIV

c)
Ps 139:5 NIV, Ps 139:6 NIV
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"7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the
heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <b>9</b> If I rise on the wings of
the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea," Ps 139:7-9 NIV
Implications:
a) God cannot
b) God cannot
c) God cannot
d) God is
"10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. 11 If I say, "Surely the
darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," <b>12</b> even the darkness will not be
dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." Ps 139:10-12 NIV
3
<b>"13</b> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <b>14</b> I praise
you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full
well. <b>15</b> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was
woven together in the depths of the earth. <b>16</b> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days

"19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! 20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? 22 I have nothing but hatred

ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. **17** How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** Were I to count them, they would

outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you." Ps 139:17-18 NIV

Imprecate means "to invoke evil upon or curse" enemies.

for them; I count them my enemies." Ps 139:19-22 NIV

Ps 55:15, Ps 69:28, Ps 109:8

**"23** Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps 139:23-24 NIV