

Week 2

I ask to find and experience God's presence and care and love for me in a part of my life I never looked before, or somewhere I looked before and now see in a new light.

In my own words, what I ask is . . .



“You created every part of me, knitting me in my mother’s womb. For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome this great wonder! I see it so clearly!”
-- Psalm 139:13-14

Reading

Brackley – 24. Introducing Prayer pp. 224-234

Contemplation means paying close attention to reality and allowing the truth to sink in and stir our feelings and thoughts.

Creighton – 2. Our Story: Exploring Its Depth pp. 9-15

Suggestions

Scan the 8 “prompts” on p. 10 and pursue the one that seems likely to be most “fruitful.”

Gillick’s For the Journey—God only wants this: that we experience God’s love being revealed within our lives and that we are able to receive that love (p. 13).

“In these or similar words . . .” (pp. 14-15): What part of this prayer fits me? Stay there for a while.

Scripture

Hosea 11:1-4—Does any of God’s word here touch something in me and my life? I can stay there and talk to God about it.

~~~~~

What was the strongest realization that came to me this week?

Have I learned anything from the readings, scripture or my prayers that I want to hold on to?

From my praying the Sp. Exs. this week, what do I want to share with the group?