PRAYER OF SEEKERS

*CHRISTIANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT GOD IS EVER PRESENT AND AVAILABLE TO US; GOD ALWAYS DESIRES TO COMMUNICATE WITH US AND LISTEN TO US.*

**PSALM 139:1-12**

*Lord, you have probed me and you know me;*

*you know when I sit and when I stand;*

*you understand my thoughts from afar.*

*My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,*

 *with all my ways you are familiar.*

*Even before a word is on my tongue,*

 *behold, O Lord, you know the whole of it.*

*Behind me and before, you hem me in*

 *and rest your hand upon me.*

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*

 *too lofty for me to attain.*

*Where can I go from your spirit?*

 *From your presence where can I flee?*

*If I go up to the heavens, you are there;*

 *If I sink to the nether world, you are present there.*

*If I take the wings of the dawn,*

 *If I settle at the farthest limits of the sea,*

*Even there your hand shall guide me,*

*If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall hide me,*

 *and night shall be my light’—*

*For you darkness itself is not dark,*

 *and night shines as the day.*

*Pause for a moment of silent prayer for all persons, cares and concerns on our hearts tonight.*

**Ending Prayer:**

Loving God, we thank you for always watching over us, for always being there for us.