HOW TO PRAY

2. How to Set Your Mind to Pray

"The LORD is always good, always loving and kind, with faithfulness that goes on and on to each succeeding generation."

--Psalm 100:5

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD. . .

1. _____

"'I know what I've planned for you,' says the LORD. 'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you! My plans will give you hope and a good future. And when you call to me and pray to me,

I will listen to you!"

--Jeremiah 29:11 (New Contemporary Version)

"We know that God brings everything together for the good of those who are bound to Jesus' love and are called for his purpose."

--Romans 8:28

Joseph: "Your plan was to hurt me, but God turned your evil plan into a good plan to save the lives of many people!"

--Genesis 50:20

2. _____

"God has not treated us as we deserve for our sins or paid us back for our wrongs... but has taken our sins away and removed them as far as the east is from the west!"

--Psalm 103:10,12

"Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close... my enemies are waiting for me to fall...Yet, I remain confident that I'll see the GOODNESS of the LORD while I'm living here in the world."

--Psalm 27:10-13 (New Living)

3. _____

"I am the <u>GOOD shepherd</u>; I know my own sheep, and they know me... And I will <u>sacrifice my life</u> for my sheep." John 10:14-15

"Jesus died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, <u>filling us with God's GOODNESS."</u>
--Romans 4:25 (Living Bible)

"Since God <u>did not spare</u> even his own Son but gave Christ up for us all, won't he now also give us <u>everything else we need?</u>" Romans 8:32 (New Living)

4. _____

Jesus replied, "You <u>don't realize what you are asking for!"</u>
--Matthew 20:22 (NLT)

God says, "My thoughts are completely different from yours, and my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

--Isaiah 55:8-9 (New Living)

5. _____

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father who loves us, has given us by his grace an <u>everlasting encouragement</u> and a <u>GOOD HOPE</u> that will <u>last forever</u>. May this encourage your heart and <u>give you strength</u> for every <u>GOOD THING</u> you do and say!"

--2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, then I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"

--Psalm 23:6 (NIV)