

## Week 2 Prayer Guide

### **BECOMING WHO GOD CALLS US TO BE (2)**



We've been thinking about Psalm 139, especially the last two verses of the Psalm. They call us to self-understanding but we learn that we can't really look at ourselves truly and honestly without the help of God to give us real perspective on our lives and thoughts. We'll expand upon that in our prayers this week.

#### Day 1

**Read:** The verses below.

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
24 Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalm 139*

#### Think/Meditate:

- Will you commit yourself to seeking the truth – whatever it is – about you?
- Pray briefly for God's help and then begin thinking about areas in your spiritual life and relationships that may need change.

**Pray:** Pray specifically for each area that has been opened up to you. We all have them.

#### Day 2

Think/Meditate/Pray: Do the exact same thing as above but this time think about and pray for Queensway:

- That it seek the truth about itself, its spiritual life and relationships
- That you, and others, will commit to asking God to guide the church in these areas.

#### Day 3

**Read:** The verses below. From Philippians 3:

*If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.*

*<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

*<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.*

**Think/Meditate:**

- If the apostle Paul believed that all his attempts at righteous acts in the past, and all his service to God, was nothing compared to moving ahead in Christ, and accepting change and suffering for Christ, how should we look at our own lives? What are our goals? Where is becoming like Christ in our list of priorities?

**Pray About:** Receiving the help of God to put aside pride and past in order to become Christlike.

**Day 4**

Think/Meditate/Pray: Do the exact same thing as above but this time think about and pray for Queensway:

- Begin by celebrating the good of the past and then confess the times Queensway did not reflect the attitudes and goals of Christ.
- Ask God to help everyone to then do what is necessary, seek restoration and make amends, and then give the church new spiritual insight and goals.

**Other Days & Continuing**

1. Continue to pray that God's Holy Spirit will melt hearts and convict minds and wills (Including our own).
2. Ask God to give you ways in which you need to become more Christlike and share these with others who can, in turn, pray for you and support you.