Welcome speakers, teachers, students, and friends.

The last few days we've been presented with a plethora of information to ponder over, discuss, and yes, debate a little.

Now at the end of the day, let’s remember no matter how we choose to practice our faith, we are all children of an amazing God.

Close your eyes and focus on just that.

Let's take a deep breathe in. And a deep breath out.

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And now join me in the responsive reading.

I've divided it into sections: the left part, the right part, and in unison. Please read your section printed in front of you:

**Responsive Reading taken from Psalms 139**

​**All**: O LORD, you have searched us and known us!

You know when we sit down and when we rise up;

you discern our thoughts from afar.

**Left**: You search out our path and our lying down

and are acquainted with all our ways.

Even before a word is on our tongue,

behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

**Right**: You hem us in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon us.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us;

it is high; we cannot attain it.

**All**: Where shall we go from your Spirit?

Or where shall we flee from your presence?

**Left**: If we ascend to heaven, you are there!

If we make our bed in Sheol, you are there!

If we take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead us,

and your right hand shall hold us.

**Right**: If we say, “Surely the darkness shall cover us, and the light about us be night,”

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

**Left**: For you formed our inward parts;

you knitted us together in our mothers womb.

we praise you, for we am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; our soul knows it very well.

**All**: Search us, O God, and know our hearts!

Try us and know our thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in us,

and lead us in the way everlasting!

Heather's Prayer:

Oh Lord, we invite your presence to surround us to be in our Inner most parts. We breathe in your peace and breath out worries, concerns, distractions. We thank you for making us, molding us, touching us, and or for using us to affect our ministries,

around the United States and around the world.

Amen.

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