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WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY



READ Daniel 2:19-23

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

— Psalm 37:3-4 (NIV)

My busy life came to a halt when my right hip began to hurt. By the time hip replacement surgery was scheduled, I was dependent on a walker. I'd never had much pain and was astonished at how quickly I became incapacitated. After surgery a hematoma formed under the incision, and healing that should have taken about four weeks was drawn out for several more. On strong pain medications, I became depressed, certainly not my typical happy and confident self. I reached out to friends asking for prayers for healing.

One morning a few weeks later, I awoke from a dream with a sense of peace. I remembered being in darkness but surrounded by hundreds of flickering lights. I felt such calm and comfort that my sleepy mind began praising God. Then it came to me that the lights represented all those who were praying for me during this difficult time.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God can speak to me
without words.

As God spoke to Daniel through dreams, God may speak to us in the same way. We may sometimes miss out because the message is not delivered in the way we expect. The closer our relationship to God, sharing time spent talking and listening, the easier it is to hear God — even if God speaks to us in ways other than words.

Prayer: Healer of all frailties, show us your mercy as we earnestly seek a closer relationship with you. Amen.

Bobbie Smith Bryant (Kentucky, USA) — See back cover.

MEET SOME OF OUR WRITERS

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