

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Seeds of Prayer

♩ = 96

G  $\frac{Am}{G}$   $\frac{Am}{G}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G G<sup>6</sup>

Make ev - 'ry need a seed of prayer, Each  
Let ev - 'ry weak - ness call to me To

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am  $\frac{7}{E5\sharp}$  E<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{G}{A}$  Am Am<sup>7</sup> 1.  $\frac{C}{D}$  D<sup>7</sup>

joy and hope, each fear and care. In all I do,  
trust Your love's sim - pli - ci - ty. Lord,

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. It includes a first ending bracket above the treble staff. The chord symbols are Am, E5#7, E7, G/A, Am, Am7, C/D, and D7. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

$\frac{C}{D}$  D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>\sharp 7</sup>  $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$  Em  $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{C}{D}$

may I look to You.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The chord symbols are C/D, D7, D#7, Cm/Eb, Em, D/C, and C/D. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

2.  $\frac{C}{D}$  D<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{CM7}{D}$  D<sup>7</sup> G G

draw my heart to You.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. It includes a second ending bracket above the treble staff. The chord symbols are C/D, D7, CM7/D, D7, G, and G. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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TOPICS: Calls to Prayer; Faith; Prayer

LEAD-IN: *The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:5-7, NIV).

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Be Open with God**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.*  
(Jeremiah 31:3, NIV)

When something happens to seriously shake the confidence of my wife, Gloria, she immediately withdraws emotionally, hiding her feelings behind a wall of silence and shallow smiles. She is overwhelmed with fears about herself, so she instinctively protects herself from further pain. For a while, she will not share herself with me.

Those brief periods are among the most painful in my life. I am cut off emotionally from the one I love. I feel powerless to help her when she needs me the most. Praying for the Lord's guidance, I work on communicating with her until she begins to open up. When she does, there is at first an outpouring of pain, frustration, and anger. But I welcome it because it's honest and because it paves the way to closeness.

My wife's withdrawals stem from fear. Mine stem from becoming preoccupied. My mind fills with my own thoughts and projects, and without even realizing it, I distance myself from her. She senses my withdrawal and waits patiently—or not so patiently—to regain my attention. She wants that connection. She wants to know the eyes of my heart are fixed on her, that I am sharing myself with her and that I am open to her sharing.

If we crave such openness with those we love, how do you think God feels toward us? He doesn't operate out of emotional need, but out of real, deep, burning love. How do you think He feels when He sees us struggle with concerns and needs we have never shared with Him? How does He feel when we so seldom look to Him or turn our hearts toward Him?

He died willingly, gladly, for our sins. His forgiveness is total, immediate, and from the bottom of His heart, without any recrimination whatsoever. How then must He feel when we hesitate to simply come to Him and lay our sins and failures before Him?

Does God desire anything more than that constant closeness with us? He has eliminated all the barriers of time and distance: He is personally with us moment by moment. We were unworthy, but He has made us worthy, welcoming us warmly, with open arms.

You live every second of your life in His presence. Share yourself with Him. Treat Him like someone with whom you are deeply in love. Turn to Him immediately with every concern, every

need, every joy. Nothing in life—nothing—matches the excitement of experiencing God responding to you and loving you and growing inside you.

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