

# God's Presence

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Many of us are struggling with the recent happenings in the past couple of weeks – pipe bombs in the mail, mass shooting, suicides, serial killer, and the list goes on and on.

And in addition, there are the difficult challenges we face in our day-to-day world.

Questions begin to rattle around in our mind --How do we feel about the various events? How should we feel? What should be our response as a Christian?

And if we respond with, --well, we should pray, -- then that brings on more questions -- How should we pray? What should we pray? When should we pray? What should we say when we pray, in the presence of God, when we feel so guilty, ugly, and unfit as the Human race to be in front of our Lord? We, as human beings, are confused in just what to do or what to think.

I believe that God understands our rambling thoughts. I believe that He wants us to come to His presence, sit down, and quietly begin to feel His presence. Just being there in His presence. No words exchanged, staying as long as we want. Just immersing ourselves in our relationship with Him. And also, I believe that He encourages us to return at any time, day or night, – just to sit and feel His presence surrounding us. Don't worry about explaining ourselves – words cannot describe what we are experiencing as a result of these unusual events – but we find words are not needed, because, --He understands.

“In the same way, the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit itself pleads our case with unexplained groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because it pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:26-28)

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord for your continuing presence in our lives. What comfort, warmth, and reassurance we feel when we come into Your Presence. Thank you for letting us sit with you, sinful as we may be. Cleanse our hearts and make us whole again, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.