

February 17 to 23

The Mission of the International and Migrant Ministries

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**We pray our prayers for help to you, not because of any righteous acts of ours but because of your great compassion. (Daniel 9:18 CEB)**

## God Puts Heavens and Earth into Work

Daniel's prayer shows the humility of the heart of a man who loved God with all his being. It also shows the grace and mercy of God who lowers Himself towards us and answers our prayers when we come before Him with humility of our hearts.

In verses 20-23, Daniel explains, "While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sins of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God... while I was still in prayer, Gabriel...came to me in swift flight...and said to me, 'Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision.'"

What Gabriel was telling Daniel here is that as soon as you came before the Lord and humbled yourself before Him, or immediately after you brought your supplications before Him, or right after you opened up your mouth and told Him what was on your heart, God sent out His answer to you. He went into work and put the heavens and the earth into work—just for YOU!

These are amazing realities about our faith: To know that God responds to us as soon as we take an action of faith. He meets us at the point of our needs soon after we go before Him. He hears us right at the time we begin our petition. And he sends out His word; His answer and instructions at the very moment we pray. All we need to do is go to Him in the humility of our hearts, and be willing to receive His word.

*Dr. Yvette Hovsepian Bearce*

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## I GIVE THANKS

- Lord, we thank you for your calling upon our lives to serve your Kingdom.
- We thank you for equipping us with gifts and talents, wisdom and understanding, knowledge and necessary skills to achieve your hopes and dreams for the Church and the world around us.
- We thank you for the Cross of Jesus through which we find the strength and the determination to move forward despite any difficulties and challenges.

## IT IS MY PRAYER

- Lord, we pray that the church in Germany will become the source of healing and reconciliation of a nation and a people who are desperately seeking the pathway toward future, hope and life.
- We ask you to help us to serve with humility of heart; making giving greater than receiving, listening greater than speaking, loving greater than hating, and building bridges uniting us in one spirit.

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## International and Migrant Ministries

In a growing multicultural German society, the central focus of the Migrant and International Ministries is to strengthen and empower the international and migrant ministries of the United Methodist Church in Germany. This includes outreach to asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, missionaries, students, and others.

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