# Space for God Awesome Presence

#### **PREPARATION**

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Psalm 15:1

## CONFESSION

Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." Isaiah 6:5

### WORSHIP

But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do. Psalm 73:28

## MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION - Matthew 17:1-9\*

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus.

As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

#### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

## ANCHORING PRAYER

Lord, it is wonderful for me to be here!

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

When was I aware of God's presence?

When did I struggle to hear God clearly?

#### WISDOM

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Psalm 16:11

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. Ephesians 3:12

"You can see God from anywhere if your mind is set to love and obey him." - A.W. Tozer

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me/us?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

## BENEDICTION

The Lord, the Mighty One, is God, and he has spoken; he has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets.

From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines in glorious radiance. Our God approaches, and he is not silent. Fire devours everything in his way, and a great storm rages around him.

#### Amen

Psalm 50:1-2

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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