

# Space for God Pride & Humility

## PREPARATION

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*  
"O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name."  
Daniel 9:19

## WORSHIP

But— When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.  
**He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.  
Titus 3:4-7

## CONFESSION

I prayed, "O my God, I am utterly ashamed; I blush to lift up my face to you. For our sins are piled higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached to the heavens.  
**O Lord, God of Israel, you are just. We come before you in our guilt as nothing but an escaped remnant, though in such a condition none of us can stand in your presence."**  
Ezra 9:6,15

## MEDITATION – Luke 18:9-14\*

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

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.

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For

those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*Be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

*How have I humbled myself?*  
*How have I exalted myself?*

## WISDOM

You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.  
Revelation 3:17  
  
Human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment.  
Isaiah 2:11

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.  
2 Chronicles 7:14

## TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

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

## BENEDICTION

**"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."**  
**So humble yourselves before God.**  
**Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**  
**Come close to God, and God will come close to you.**  
**[Amen]**  
James 4:6b-8a

## SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.  
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.  
Speak and act from a listening heart.  
Actively serve in community with others.

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