

Pk's Perspectives ... "I don't know"

In Romans 8:26-28 we read, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. **For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.** And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Charles Spurgeon once wrote, "Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused." Most of you reading this article have been at that place of not really knowing what to pray yet knowing without doubt you needed to pray. Edwin Keith shares this insight about prayer: "Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God." I love Edwin's take on prayer...exhaling my spirit, inhaling God's. That's rich. Another great insight into our praying when we find ourselves at the end of the proverbial rope comes from Hannah More: "Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul."

One of my Facebook friends posted the following from Pamela Crim's Daily Devotional Podcast. I've been at the place of groaning such a prayer as this, as have many of you. Be encouraged...

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer? It's very spiritual. You just go off somewhere quiet and hidden and you walk right up to the throne of God and you say, "I don't know."

As in, I don't know where to go from here. I don't know what is happening. I don't know how to do this. I don't know what to do next. I don't know how to heal. I don't know how to fix it. I don't know what to do with these emotions. I don't know how to handle this situation. I don't know how this is going to ever be okay again.

It covers a lot of I don't knows. And then with whatever dusty little sand grain of faith you have, you say, "But You know." And you leave it there. God most certainly hears that prayer.

I hope your heart agrees with Andrew Murray who wrote: "O, let the place of secret prayer become to me the most beloved spot on earth." Love you, PK.