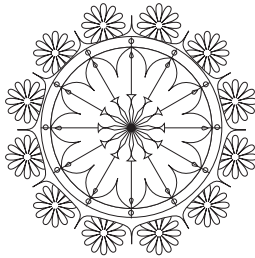


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The PAWI Pastors' Wives and Lady Ministers Fellowship was born out of a felt need for our women to connect deeply with one another. Our mission is to encourage, sharpen and serve one another. Our vision is to see all our lady ministers and pastors' wives, walking hand in hand, leaving a legacy of faith and devotion to God. The logo chosen for this ministry is an apparently unattractive rose that may be overlooked when making a choice bouquet. However, the drops of water on its petals signify hope; someone saw its hidden beauty and refreshed it. Sisters, we can be a blessing by refreshing one another and fulfil our calling in the body of Christ.

Christ has included us. He loves us and desires that we avail ourselves to Him. While He is working on us, He is working in us and through us. I sincerely thank God for all of you. I really appreciate Sisters Calma Campbell, Shirlene Pope, Marion Forde, Ronna Andrews, Elsie Frederick, Judith Walcott, Andrea Folkes, and Annmarie Mitchel, who have worked closely with me on this project. You have encouraged my heart to continue doing the will of God. I am persuaded that He works through people wherever they are, to bring His will into the realm of the natural.

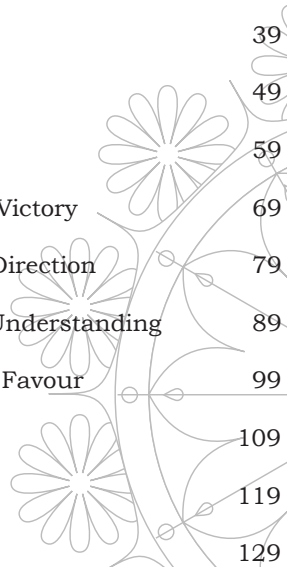
This journal is but one expression of His workmanship. "In His Presence", indeed, is where we, His daughters must abide. There are numerous benefits for those who dwell there. Take these precious nuggets as reminders of His love for and acceptance of us. I love you and bless you all in Jesus' Name!

Christine L. Clayton



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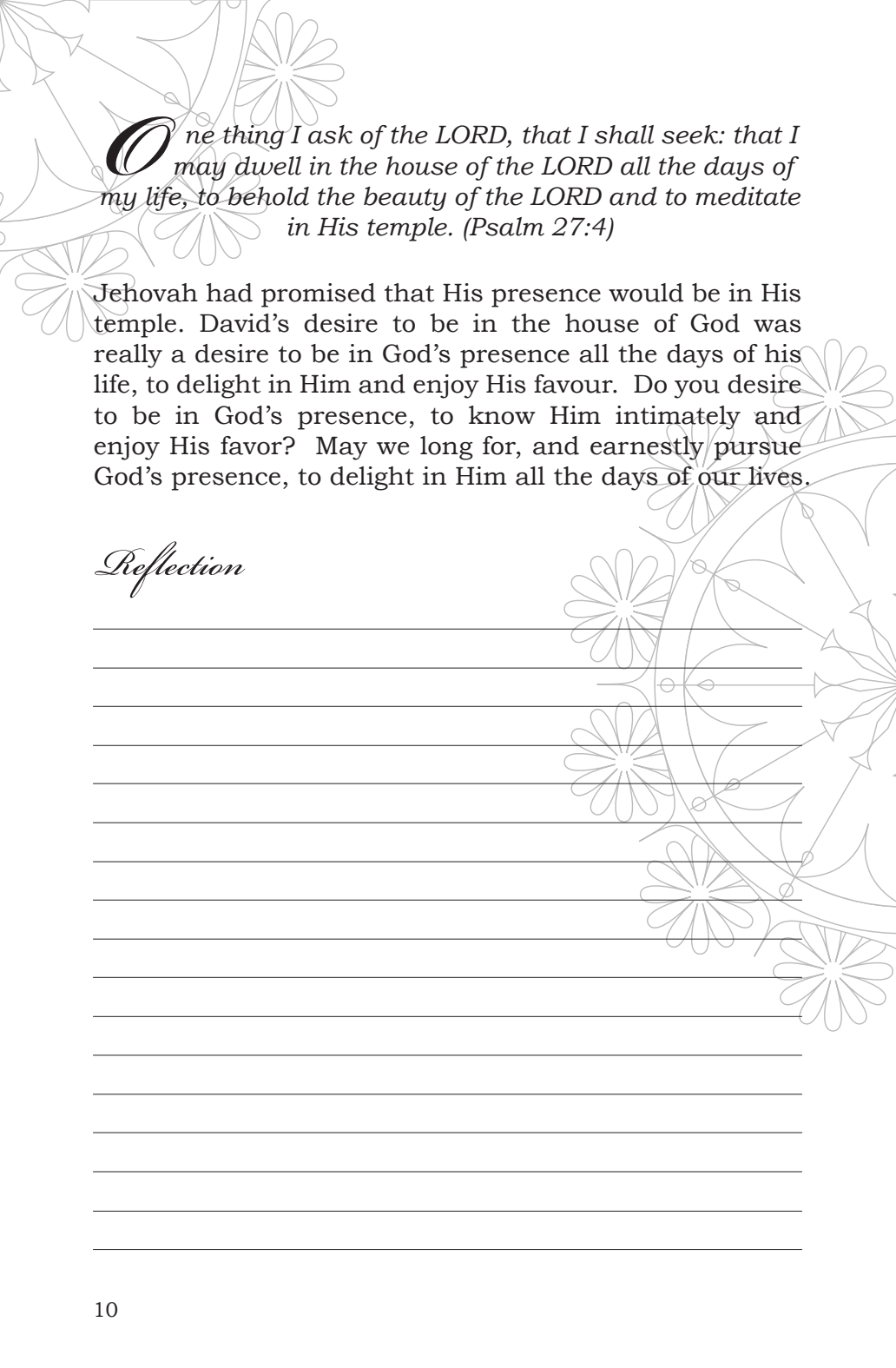
How to use this journal

*T*his Prayer Journal is designed for you to record your reflections, prayers and testimonies as you drink deeply from God's Word. The journal is divided into thirteen themes, each with four devotions. The sequence of topics presented is only a suggestion. You may actually begin at any point in the journal and move seamlessly to any other theme.

We hope this journal will be an encouragement to you as you spend time in God's presence. We pray that your intimacy with God will increase as you grow to desire Him more and discipline yourself to spend time alone with Him. May your life be a testimony of surrender and submission to God and His Word. Remember to pray that your sisters who are also using this journal will continue to grow in their knowledge, love and obedience to God. Enjoy.



*Come Into
His Presence*



One thing I ask of the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)

Jehovah had promised that His presence would be in His temple. David's desire to be in the house of God was really a desire to be in God's presence all the days of his life, to delight in Him and enjoy His favour. Do you desire to be in God's presence, to know Him intimately and enjoy His favor? May we long for, and earnestly pursue God's presence, to delight in Him all the days of our lives.

Reflection

Ask God to increase your desire to be in His presence, to
delight in Him and enjoy His favour.

Prayer

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. (Mark 1:35)

Jesus had been engaged in a full day of activity, including teaching in the synagogue, casting out demons and healing many sick persons. Yet, early the next morning, sometime between 3:00 am and 6:00 am, he rose up from his bed, left the house (amazing!) and went to a solitary place to spend time praying. What great commitment to His relationship with His Father!

Cultivating the presence of God requires personal and private action, sacrifice and commitment. We see Jesus taking time alone with the Father, before attending to the responsibilities of another full day (Mark 1:36-42).

Reflection

Pray for a greater commitment to spend time alone with God, regardless of how tired or busy you may be. What changes can you make in your schedule to prioritize your time alone with Him?

Prayer

Then he said to Him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people? Is it not by your going with us, so that we, I and your people, may be distinguished from all the other people, who are upon the face of the earth?” (Exodus 33:15-16)

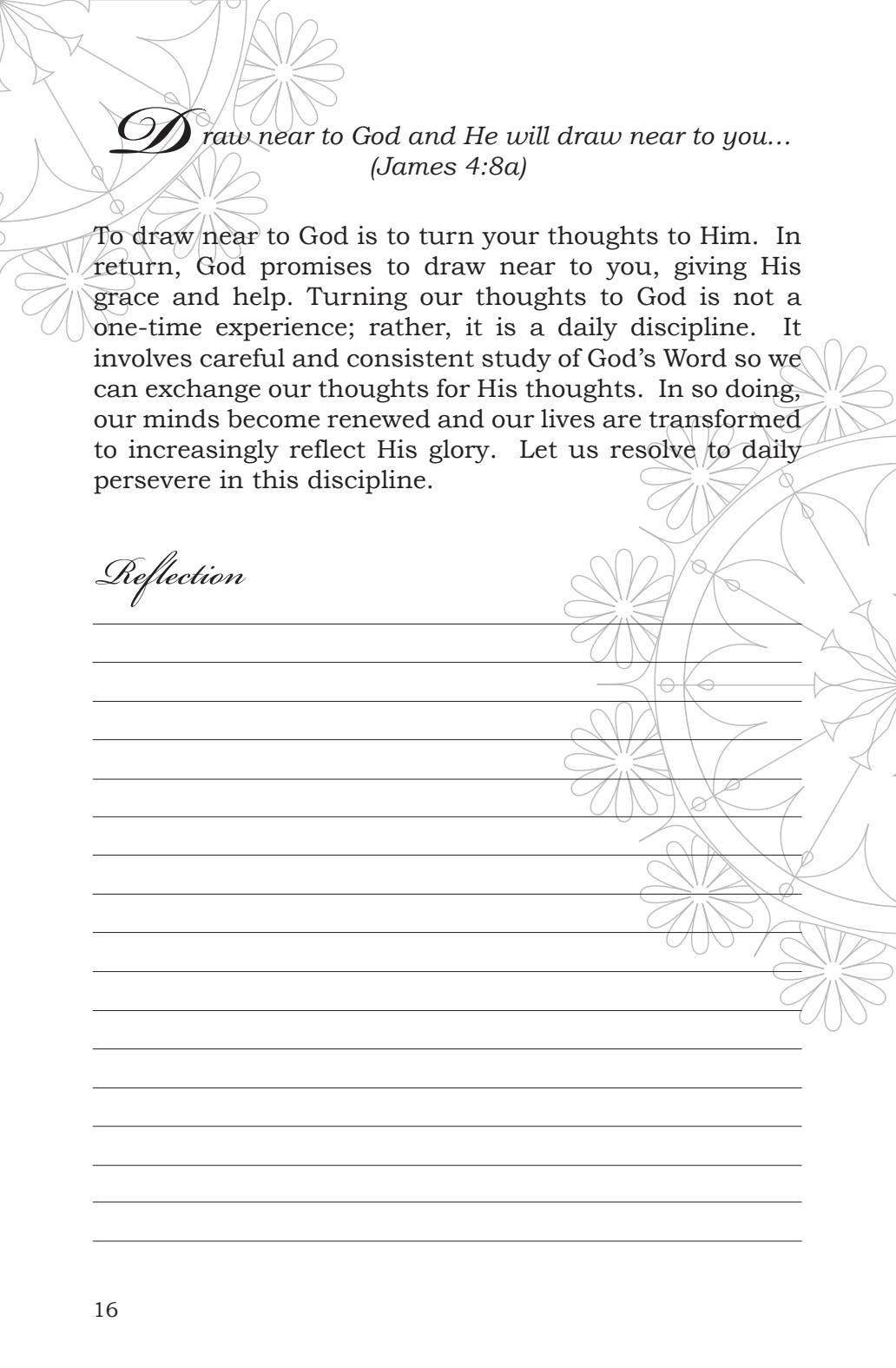
God had given Moses the task of leading His people and had promised to send an angel before them (Ex 33:1-2). Moses however, understood the significance of having the presence of God go with them. God’s presence would distinguish them from other people and signal His favour upon them. Today, God’s presence distinguishes us from those who do not know Him, helps others to know that He is pleased with us and confirms His promise to us that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

As we engage in our assignments from God, our most valuable resource is His presence. He alone can accomplish His purposes in and through us.

Reflection

Ask God to help you to continually be aware of His presence in you and with you. Pray for God's leading and help as you undertake each assignment He gives - whether at home, at work, in church or the nation.

Prayer



*D*raw near to God and He will draw near to you...
(James 4:8a)

To draw near to God is to turn your thoughts to Him. In return, God promises to draw near to you, giving His grace and help. Turning our thoughts to God is not a one-time experience; rather, it is a daily discipline. It involves careful and consistent study of God’s Word so we can exchange our thoughts for His thoughts. In so doing, our minds become renewed and our lives are transformed to increasingly reflect His glory. Let us resolve to daily persevere in this discipline.

Reflection

Pray about areas where you depend on your own way of thinking. Ask God to help you consistently study and memorize His Word so you can have His thoughts. Ask Him to fill you with complete knowledge of His will so that you can honour and please Him in every way.



Prayer
