

## Intergenerational Prayer: Psalm 130 Year A- Lent, April 2, 2017



**What this is:** Intergenerational prayer



**Where it's used:** Any intergenerational gathering



**Time:** 5-10 minutes



**Bible focus/theme:** Psalm 130, Out of the Depths



**What's needed:**

A large bucket of slime

(Recipe here <http://chemistry.about.com/cs/howtos/ht/slime.htm>)

Drop sheet/tarp.

Print out verses of Psalm 130 each on to individual cards and laminate.

(Or write on pieces of sturdy plastic - for example flat pieces cut from plastic containers - using permanent marker.) Just before the time for the bible reading place, the laminated cards or plastic pieces into the bucket of slime and submerge thoroughly.

Towels for wiping slimy hands!

8 Volunteers to reach into slime/Volunteers to read

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### Introduction

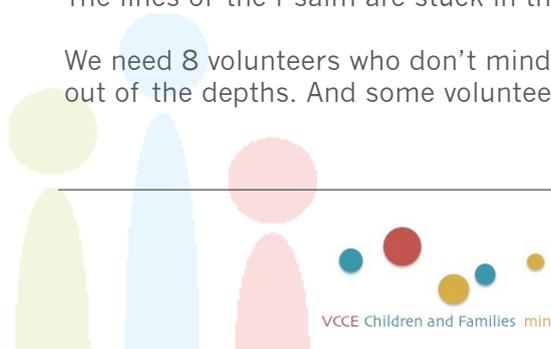
Our Psalm today is the kind of prayer we need when things get messy and mucky. Some of this Psalm is about when we are in a mess and need help from God – and some of this Psalm is about when we make a mess and need forgiveness from God.

Most of us need both kinds of prayer.

The person in the prayer pictures themselves as being stuck in deep swampy muck – and calling out to God for help.

The lines of the Psalm are stuck in the depths of this slimy tub.

We need 8 volunteers who don't mind getting their hands mucky to pull these verses of the Psalm out of the depths. And some volunteers who are happy to read the verses.



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# Psalm 130

Between each verses of the Psalm, we will repeat together the first line:

*“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
Lord, hear my voice!”*

- *With all the volunteers ready in line, begin the prayer together while the first volunteers ‘rescues’ a verse from the tub. Don’t worry about the order of the verses.*
- *Repeat this process with the group repeating the refrain as the next verse is rescued, then read out by the volunteer, until all the verses have been salvaged.*
- *When all of the verses are out of the slime, rearrange them in correct order, and repeat the Psalm again, with volunteers reading and the group repeating the refrain.*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!*

*If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.*

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;*

*my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.*

*It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.*