Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

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June 1 to 7 **radio m**

We don't know what we should pray,
but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans.
Romans 8,26 (CEB)

God understands me – without talking

The saying: "We don't know what we should pray", is rational and true. But it also seems to be contradictive. Prayer – Christians' "main business" – seems to be more difficult and easy going as one would think. We must learn how to pray. Praying requires consideration and reflection. Prayers must be made, of course! But how to pray correctly and efficiently remains an ever open question. People who know their Bible remember how Jesus was asked by his friends: "Lord, teach us to pray!" (Luke 11,1). And experienced Christians are also familiar with the words Jesus said about God's knowing in advance what we are going to ask: A saying in which we can rest assured, in which we can trust: "Your Father knows what you need before you ask." (Matthew 6,8)
And in our text Paul adds to this by saying: God himself helps us with his Spirit to form our prayers, in fact, he seems to pray through us, whether we are mute or mumbling, whether we can stand and voice our thanks and our requests or whether we can only moan in desperation. Once we have realized for sure that we are God's beloved children, we find ourselves – according to Paul – in a new status of living. We need not "produce" anything, not even in prayer.
The Czech Catholic priest and psycho-therapist Tomás Halík says: "Praying means to realize that I am seen." That means: I am looked at by God and appreciated by God – lovingly, as a mother looks at her children. God understands me without my saying anything. I don't have to pray, I'm allowed to.

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I GIVE THANKS

- For the chances in modern media to speak about "God and the World".
- For Christians who are open to truly live their faith in those media.
- For willing ears and hearts of all hearers.

MY PRAYER IS

- That many people will continue to support radio m financially to facilitate this mission.
- That the new leader Reverent Dagmar Koehring will have a good start this summer.
- That the radio m team will enjoy their work and have good ideas to always find the right "tone" for reaching people.

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