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Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. **—Micah 7:18-19**

Our success and value are not based on our level of production; our financial worth; our talent in sports, music, or academics; or anything else. These are all sideshows. What gives us true meaning in the vast, complex world in which we find ourselves is that the eternal One, the uncreated God, pursues us with passionate desire. This is what crowns our lives with meaning and power. This is what makes us great. We did nothing to become born, and since then we have stumbled and fallen in so many ways. Yet Jesus, our Bridegroom God, says, “I want you!” And that confers upon us eternal significance. Though every other circumstance be unstable, and though we mess up in myriad ways, we walk in grace before an audience of One with profound success and contentment simply because He longs for us and declares Himself the lover of our souls.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Father, it doesn't matter to You that I am an insignificant nobody in this vast, complex world in which I live. Still You love me ... want me ... and call me into Your presence.

We are the ones God desires.