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Exodus 19:18-25

Recently an article about prayer appeared in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine,* and in it a rabbi said there are essentially four prayers that all of us pray: "Gimme! Thanks! Oops! and Wow!" Pretty much all of our dialogue with God revolves around petition, gratitude, forgiveness, and wonder. A writer I know said that her prayers could be summed up this way: In the morning she would pray, "Whatever," and at the end of the day she prayed "Oh well."

In Moses' time, it took a little more preparation than that if a person wanted to talk to God. One needed to consecrate him or herself. That meant each person needed to set himself apart in order to talk to the Creator of the universe.

Now when we talk to God, we know we have Jesus and his Holy Spirit, and have more direct access to our heavenly Father than our ancestors did. I'm going to try to say "Wow" a lot more than the other options today.