



LOUISE

**Song:** "In the Garden"  
**Scripture:** Psalm 23:1-4  
**Prayer:** *As the Spirit leads*  
**Meditation:** "**Springtime**"

As Glenda sat on the bench in the beautiful public garden, her mind began to ponder the awesomeness of God. Winter was over, and spring had ushered in a multi-colored green blanket. The burgeoning leaves on the trees, the budding flowers, and the new sprouts of grass stretching toward the sunshine. And she thought, only God could cause the vegetation to sprout and paint a such picture for the human eye to appreciate and the human soul to take solace. As she looked around the garden, reminded of the renewal and rejuvenation of the spring season, she thought how God continues to restore her soul daily.

She thought about how He: wakes her up each morning; gives her food and shelter; surrounds her with loving family and friends; and basically, provides all that she needs. She reflected on how during troubling times she had been able to find comfort and reassurance from reading His Word. On this spring day, Glenda was especially glad to be a recipient of God's love, mercy and ever abounding grace.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for your continuous love, mercy, and grace. I know that I frequently fail to heed your instructions and do what Jesus would do in many interactions with my fellowman. For these failures, I ask your forgiveness. I thank you for the beauty of nature and the bodily senses that allow me to enjoy the splendor of your handiwork. Please continue to extend your grace toward me, taking me to places of calm, giving me the peace that passes all understanding, and giving me the desire to obey your Word. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

**Challenge for the Month:** During the upcoming days of spring, take time to observe and appreciate the handiwork of God in nature.

**A Word of Encouragement:** You may not have everything you want, but all that you need has been provided by God'

### Polishing Your Communication Power

1 Efficacy 2 Intimidate 3 Culture

- \_\_a) frighten or overawe (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants
- \_\_b) the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group
- \_\_c) the ability to produce a desired or intended result

### February Answers

1-d 2-a 3-b 4-c

### Word Search

#### Spring

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C M N H I Q S M O S S O L B X L M
E L Z K E V K J N H X R E F O A B
C R E W Y Z H A A I N C M N O W H
C K O A A T E Q U P A T C S R E S
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Y I R S S I M L R W L U S U X E B
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B S U T I P A H I R I U L Y Z M W
N W V N A M W M T H F V O Y P B L
P S E A C Y X B Z E K H O K U S D
A E N R E F M H S J W H M D E G K
S E A G S D V I S C T X S O U C L
T R T A C Z M C A R B F B I D V V
U T I R E O Y F I T P G R E E N Z
R Q O F R W V B E I B R L K I E F
E B N P N L F L O W E R S P J Y O
    
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Birds Birth Blooms Blossoms Breeze Buds  
 Cleaning Flowers Fragrant Green Pasture  
 Promise Rain Rejuvenation Renewal Restart  
 Restore Trees Vitality Warmth

### February Word Search Answers

#### Black History

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R E P U B L I C A N E M P E R O R
C O L A U T I R I P S O
O L A O M I S M
E O L O U
X R E A T O G
X O G I H R J
Z O G I E D N
B T R D R S A O B A M A
W O O E B
H I E E E U D H E
T A A G R G E N A E O C
M L O L T O Z I R O A
P Z L N A G O P R W
T E M U S O K S F I
G Y S R G M N S T M A S
M K O S B O U R Y R E V A L S R
    
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 Gumbo Harris mother wit Obama pinder  
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