



## Learning to Pray Sermon Series

Contemplation/Imagination – Imagining Yourself in the Bible

Lectio Divina – A Sacred Reading of Scripture

Examen – A Daily Inward Look

Centering Prayer – Finding God in that Quiet Room

**Nature Prayers – Finding God in Nature**

### Continuing Prayers

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We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Val Walker and her family on the passing of her mother Jackie Waltemeyer.

### **Creation Scripture**

#### **Genesis 2:4b-7**

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heaven, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground (*adam* from the *adama*) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

#### **Psalm 19:1**

The Heavens are telling the glory of God; and the earth proclaims his handiwork.

#### **Psalm 24:1-2**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

#### **Psalm 33:6-7**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.  
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle and put the deeps in storehouses.

#### **Psalm 42:7**

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your waterfalls; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

#### **Psalm 90:2**

Before the mountains were born, or ever you had formed the earth and the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

#### **Psalm 95:4-5**

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

#### **Psalm 104:24-25**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both great and small.

### ***This is My Father's World***

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,  
and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light,  
the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair,  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that  
though the wrong seems oft strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

### ***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

The purple headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. **Refrain**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. **Refrain**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **Refrain**

### ***Morning Has Broken***

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the  
Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

### ***How Great Thou Art***

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! **Refrain**