

PRAY EVERY DAY June 4, 2023 Resource

*Praying the Psalms: Psalm 8:1, 3-4 (NRSV)*

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

*The Bible in a Year with KUMC*

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at any time.

*Small Group or personal study*

- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- Read Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
- Creation of the heavens and the earth is the work of the Trinitarian God. Read these passages and consider the joint work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in creation: Genesis 1:1-2, 26; Psalm 104; John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:9-23.
- There are patterns in the days of creation. One pattern is that when God made something God also saw that it was good (vv. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, and 31), even very good! What are things that God has made that you have seen are good? What things are there that God has made that you wonder if they are good?
- Another pattern in the days of creation is marking the days with “and there was evening and there was morning.” This pattern marks how the Bible counts days. The day begins at sunset and in the evening, at night. The day begins with darkness, rest, and sleep and as the day goes on the light comes. This may be an invitation to let each of our days begin by resting in God. Here all creation begins in darkness and it is God who brings light, form, a place for everything, and right relationship for everything. Rest in God and we will know how to live in the light. How do your days run? Do you work until you drop? Do you begin with resting in God in prayer, scripture, or some other way?
- Humanity was made in the image of God and invited to bear the image of God in the earth and over plants and creatures. Part of the creation story is an affirmation that this is God’s world. Another part is that we are to bear the image of God in the world. Consider God’s actions in Genesis 1: creating, bringing light, making good things, making room for everything, sharing the image of God and God’s authority, resting and moving in to be with creation. What are faithful ways you and the church could bear the image of God in the world today?

*Spend time in silence*

*Prayer for others and yourself*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Share the Love of Jesus because It’s All about Relationships*

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached?

*Charge from Psalm 8:5-9 (NRSV)*

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!