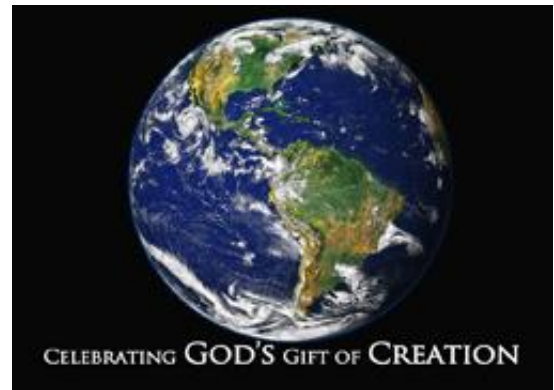


Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of April 23
Celebrating God's Gift of Creation



Each day slowly read the scripture a couple of times. Close your eyes and be with it for a moment in silence. How did it speak to you?

Sunday, April 23

Genesis 1:26 "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

Sacred Pause: We are co-creators with God. In that role we are given the responsibility to care for the delicate beauty of creation.

Monday, April 24

Romans 1:20 Ever since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—God's eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, because they are understood through the things God has made.

Sacred Pause: Take a moment to be outside, breathe in, look at the sky, notice the trees, see the creatures. Give thanks. How are you caring for creation?

Tuesday, April 25

Job 12:7-9 Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?

Sacred Pause: All of God's creation is connected – Humans, plants, trees, insects, animals, water, wind and fire. The delicate balance needs your care.

Wednesday, April 26

Psalms 96:11-12 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Sacred Pause: In all of God's creation we hear the heavens rejoicing and all of Earth singing for joy. Join in, do your part to keep the concert alive.

Thursday, April 27

Psalms 19:1-4 Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known. Of course, there's no speech, no words—their voices can't be heard— but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

Sacred Pause: Go outside and listen to the singing of nature. Notice the many sounds. As you hear them, smile at the sky and let your heart sing with God.

Friday, April 28

Psalm 104:24-25 How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.

Sacred Pause: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all. Breathe it in!

Saturday, April 29

Psalm 118:24 This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sacred pause: Rejoice in the gift of God's creation! Take steps to care for the delicate balance? This is the day the Lord has made to rejoice and care!