

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of October 1**  
**When Faith Meets Life Week 5:**  
**Planet**



**Sunday October 1**

*Genesis 1:26-28 God said, "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." God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."*

**Sacred Pause** Made in the image of God we are to be compassionate caretakers of the earth. We must take good care of fish, birds, things that crawl, the water, and the land.

**Monday October 2**

*Ephesians 2:10 God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join in the work God does, the good work God has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.*

**Sacred Pause** – We are co-creators with God. Every day we have the opportunity to join God in doing the work given for us to do; we are to work to take good care of the planet.

**Tuesday October 3**

*Psalms 96:11-12 Let's hear it from Sky, with Earth joining in, and a huge round of applause from Sea. Let Wilderness turn cartwheels, animals, come dance, put every tree of the forest in the choir—*

**Sacred Pause** – God's creation sings all day long. When was the last time you were outside in the woods to hear the concert of trees, animals and wind singing a song to God?

**Wednesday October 4**

*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** – Can you imagine a world without trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, babbling brooks, or stars filling the night sky? God needs you to help keep the earth alive.

**Thursday October 5**

*Matthew 6:28b-30 Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you...?*

**Sacred Pause** – The provision of God is seen in nature all around us. God's teachings are not confined to words on pages, for all of creation speaks of God. Watch and listen.

**Friday October 6**

*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** - Before people wrote on the walls of caves Nature wrote of the splendor of God. Nature was the first Bible written. Go outside and listen for the word of God.

**Saturday October 7**

*Psalm 8:3-9 When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them? You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur. You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!*

**Sacred pause** – It is humbling and awe-inspiring to look up into a night sky full of stars, moon and distant planets. We come from those stars, they are us and we are them.