

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of January 21**  
**Lies We've Been Told About God:**  
**God Is More Male than Female**



Daily Prayer: God our Mother and God our Father we thank you that you have breathed life into our very beings. Thank you for creating us in Your Spirited image of compassion, forgiveness, service and wisdom. In that image we see the need for both maleness and femaleness alike. Forgive me for only seeing You one way and not both ways. Instead of harmful discriminations and bigoted words, sexual assaults and more harmful behaviors, set us free so that we can move on to loving and respecting, honoring and seeking justice for one another regardless of our gender. In all of this help me to keep falling more deeply in love with You, because Your love is both like a compassionate mother and like a caring father all at the same time. Help me to live more fully into that image. Amen.

**Sunday January 21**

*Genesis 1:27 So God created human beings in God's own image. In the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them.*

**Sacred Pause:** In the beginning of time men and women were created equal. Over time equality was lost. You can restore it by advocating for justice for women treated poorly.

**Monday January 22**

*Deuteronomy 32:11-12 Like an eagle that rouses her chicks and hovers over her young, so God spread God's wings to take them up and carried them safely....*

**Sacred Pause:** It is endearing to watch an Eagle care for her chicks. She feeds, protects and teaches them to fly. Like a mother eagle, God cares for and teaches you to fly.

**Tuesday January 23**

*Galatians 3:28-29 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.*

**Sacred Pause** The walls of gender inequality were broken down by the compassion of Christ. In God's eyes there is no male or female. Let's keep deconstructing the walls.

**Wednesday January 24**

*Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.*

**Sacred Pause:** Jesus had the heart of mother who weeps over the pain she feels for her children. Jesus calls us to have such tender, compassionate hearts. Check your heart.

**Thursday January 25**

*John 4:24 "For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."*

**Sacred Pause:** God is more than male or female. God is Spirit and can be seen in both male and female qualities. God breathed the same loving Spirit into both Adam and Eve.

**Friday January 26**

*Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

**Sacred Pause:** A mother cannot give birth and then forget her children. That's a beautiful picture of God's love for you. There is no greater love on Earth or in heaven.

**Saturday January 27**

*Isaiah 66:13a As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;*

**Sacred pause:** Most family stories about comfort are told about the Mother. God says, as a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you. Thanks be to God our Mother.