

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of April 28**  
**All Creation Worships**



**Sunday April 28**

*Scripture: Psalm 65:8 Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, without any words Your creation reveals the endless cycle of Your love. From morning to night and from night to morning Your love is constant. In springtime I see the rising of new life. In the summer I feel the warmth of Your love on my body. In the fall I see the necessary falling away so that new life can come again. In the winter I see the need for rest. Thank you God for the sun in the day and the stars at night that always shine, reminding us of the brilliance of Your love. May I live my life today as a reflection of Your light to others. May my life be a shout of joy, a song that is sung celebrating the beauty of the earth. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Take a moment to go outside or look outside a window to marvel at the beauty of creation. Take in a deep breath and be thankful for the beauty of the earth.

**Evening Text:** God, as the earth moves around the sun and darkness begins to fall, may I welcome the darkness as a much needed time for rest. Then I can rise with the sun.

**Monday April 29**

*Scripture: Psalm 65:11-13 You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy. The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy!*

**Morning Prayer:** God, the glory of creation is bursting all around. Wherever I look, I see the lush green of new grass. The trees are bursting with color as they spring into leaf and blossom. The air is perfumed with the fresh scent of blossoms and flowers. Even the spring rains smell fresh and enticing. I am intoxicated with the glory of spring. Even as the meadows and valleys shout and sing for joy, my spirit sings along with them. I am grateful to be alive on this magnificent day. I want to experience this fullness and freshness in the deepest parts of my spirit, and share the joy with everyone I meet. May I never forget that I am a steward of all this beauty. I am a partner in the ongoing dance of renewal. Teach me new ways to care for Your earth. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Take time to be outside today. Close your eyes. Breathe in. Listen to the rustle of leaves and the chorus of birdsong. Enjoy this symphony of earth music.

**Evening Text:** God, thank You for the gift of another day of life. May I rest well, and rise to a new day resolved to be a more mindful caregiver of Your creation.

## **Tuesday April 30**

*Scripture: Genesis 1:29-31 Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. Then God looked over all he had made, and God saw that it was very good!*

**Morning Prayer:** God, as I read this scripture I am struck that this earth has the capacity to produce enough food to feed and nourish every human being that inhabits it. And the fact that every day I read or hear stories of people starving in so many places breaks my heart and I have to ask myself what needs to be done to ensure there is a fair distribution of resources. I know it is Your intention that we look out for each other, that those who have, help take care of those who don't. I know that I feel overwhelmed with the challenge and that can keep me from acting. Help me to take steps to educate myself and become an advocate for those on the margins, who go to bed hungry. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** It's lunchtime. Have you eaten? Be aware of those around you who might not have the resources for a meal. Be mindful of how you can share your resources.

**Evening Text:** God, I acknowledge my privilege and am grateful that today you opened my eyes and my heart and gave me the courage to reach out and share.

## **Wednesday May 1**

*Scripture: Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.*

**Morning Prayer:** Good morning God! Thank you for the rest I needed last night. Again this morning I wake up to the beauty of Your creation. I read Your words and I am comforted knowing that You provide all that is needed. You are capable of anything that displays Your beauty. Thank you for those who are willing to give of themselves and what You have given them. Thank you that You touch my heart at just the right time and I can lovingly share my gifts with others. God in You, I am capable of being Your beauty to others. Continue to help me display who You are in my words and actions toward others. May it be so.

**Noon text:** God provides! You have all you need! Look around you. What do others need? Like Jesus reach out and help others in need.

**Evening Text:** Tonight I rest in comfort knowing You provide everything I need. I rest easy knowing you are God. May others know that feeling and find peace.

## **Thursday May 2**

*Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-27 "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?"*

**Morning Prayer:** God, free me from the worry and anxiety that often troubles me and robs my joy. Whether it's concerns over money or my children or my parents or my job or my health, the result is the same. The stress just wears me down. Give me the strength to live in the moment and surrender my worries to Your care. It is in these moments that I experience peace. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** God, give me the strength to turn my self-will and worry over to Your care and protection. Teach me that, in the present moment, all is well and peace abides.

**Evening Text:** God, as the day winds down I lay down all that worried me today. By releasing my worries to You I am able to close my eyes knowing that in You all will be well.

### **Friday May 3**

*Scripture: Matthew 6:28-30 "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, God will certainly care for you."*

**Morning Prayer:** God, we are at a season of incredible beauty surrounding us as spring has arrived and flowers are blooming. Even living in this community I only have to look around and see flowers blooming in all their bright beautiful colors and fragrances. Just last week as we celebrated Easter our sanctuary was filled with the rich colors of tulips and lilies. I am overwhelmed with the beauty of Your creation. And I am humbled to be reminded of how much You care for me, that I am part of Your creation. Every time I am touched by the beauty of Your creation let it remind me of Your great love for me. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Pause a moment, step outside and look around. Take in the beauty of God's creation and remind yourself that you are part of it and are loved by God.

**Evening Text:** God, the idea that You care for me as a part of Your beautiful creation gives me pause. I am filled with gratitude that You are with me as I lay down to sleep.

### **Saturday May 4**

*Scripture: Mark 4:30-32: Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."*

**Morning Prayer:** God, in today's scripture I am reminded that the tiniest of seeds holds the largeness of life. Sometimes I see myself as just a tiny seed. And that leads me to asking what do I have to offer anyone, let alone the world? I am just a tiny seed. Help me to remember that like a tiny mustard seed that contains everything it needs to grow and extend itself with branches to provide shelter for birds and more, so I also have the potential to expand my reach of love to others. May I remember that all it takes is one seed of love, one offering of compassion, one word of forgiveness, one act of service to grow a world nurtured by Your love. May I be that seed today. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Take a moment to look at or to imagine a plant. How big was the seed that contained the plant? The seed of God's love is in you. Let it grow, let it grow.

**Evening Text:** God, all day long I have been energized by the light of day. Now it is time to rest in the dark of night. Both are needed. Thank you for the gift of both.