

JUNE 15, 2014
TRINITY SUNDAY
(AND FATHER'S DAY)

The Triune God is our
creator who cares for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates sky and earth
Monday	Job 26:7-14	Job speaks of creation
Tuesday	Job 38:1-11	God speaks of creation
Wednesday	Job 38:12-38	God speaks of creation
Thursday	Nehemiah 9:5-6	God gives life to everything
Friday	Acts 14:8-20	The testimony of creation
Saturday	Psalms 148	Creation, praise the Lord!
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The cost of following Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures." Genesis 1:26 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

God of creation, thank you for caring for us. Lord Jesus, thank you for being with us. Holy Spirit, thank you for your daily help. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Triune God, thank you for all you make and all you give. May we praise your great name as long as we live! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What part of God's amazing creation do you enjoy most? Why?
- What can we learn about God from creation?
- God has asked us to take care of all that has been created. How do you help do this?

DEVOTIONS

Take time each day in the coming week to read a section of the creation account from Genesis 1-2:3. Say a short prayer each day thanking God for what has been made:

- Sunday - Day 1 of Creation: Genesis 1:1-5
- Monday - Day 2 of Creation: Genesis 1:6-8
- Tuesday - Day 3 of Creation: Genesis 1:9-13
- Wednesday - Day 4 of Creation: Genesis 1:14-19
- Thursday - Day 5 of Creation: Genesis 1:20-23
- Friday - Day 6 of Creation: Genesis 1:24-31
- Saturday - Day 7 of Creation: Genesis 2:1-3

SERVICE

Plan a household act of care for God's creation, such as:

- Pick up litter in an area of your neighborhood
- Reduce your energy consumption by making an effort to turn off lights or household appliances when not in use
- Review your home recycling practices and consider how you could do more
- Make your voice known on an environmental issue of concern by writing to a government official

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One of the ways God cares for creation is through Dads. Today is Father's Day. If there is a father in your home, plan a special time to give thanks to him and affirm him. Have everyone in your household make a list of the things they appreciate about him. Begin by sharing these with him.

Then say this prayer together: **O God, we thank you for our earthly father. Please bless him with good things—health, joy, love and laughter. Keep him in your care and protect him. Help us to encourage him, appreciate him and be thankful for him. Amen.**

Have household members bless him, one at a time, by making the sign of the cross on his forehead and saying, "God in heaven, bless this father."



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