

Two Prayers for Science and Technology Recognition Sunday, May 18, 2008, Trinity Sunday

Litany of Praise to God for Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said,
"Let there be light"
and there was light, in all its spectrums
--visible light, UV light, X-rays and gamma rays--
light with its enormous power.

**We praise you, O God, for light,
the source of energy for all living creatures.**

Then God said "Let the earth put forth vegetation"
and there was vegetation able to use energy from light
to synthesize nourishment for all living creatures.

**We thank you, O God
for interdependence of light, plant, and animal;
we marvel at your evolving creation.**

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky"
and there came to be a universe of galaxies with intricate complexities!

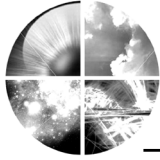
**We praise you, O God,
as we share and benefit from cycles of sun and moon,
and as we ponder the worlds beyond us.**

And God said "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky"
and all living creatures came forth
evolving from amoebas to amphibians, from fish to reptiles and mammals.

**We praise you, O God,
For the glorious diversity of all that lives.**

And God created humankind in the divine image,
in the divine image God created them:
And humankind grew in wisdom and intellect and freedom,
and learned to love their maker.

**We praise you, O God
for creating us in your image and
entrusting us with stewardship of all you have made.
Let us work with you to extend your creativity in the world
for the benefit of all;
Let us rest in you to grow ever more confident in your goodness,
and to celebrate that goodness
evolving throughout all creation. Amen.**



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Thanksgiving for All Who Work in Science and Technology

We praise you, O God, for creating humankind in your image,
and giving all human beings a common genetic makeup
regardless of race, gender or ethnicity;

We are awed by the knowledge
that there are billions of cells in our bodies and
each one of them stores the secret of life in its DNA;

We are amazed by scientists' use of technology
to learn about cells, tissues and organs
and how any changes in the gene can affect our daily lives.

We pray for all scientists
--engineers, students, teachers, physicians, technicians--
who work diligently to unfold your holy mysteries
and ask your blessing on each one of them.
May these technological developments be used for the good of all
and to alleviate suffering from the world.

We thank you, O God,
for the wisdom and knowledge you bestow upon scientists
who work at revealing the secrets of creation.
We stand in awe and wonder at the history of the universe
and of life on this planet.
This knowledge strengthens our faith in your creative power.
We are grateful for this wonderful creation
and for being a part of your blessing.

Praise be to you, O God.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving for Science and Technology Sunday were written by Olivia Masih White, Ph.D., a professor of genetics and longtime member of the United Church of Christ. She serves on the steering committee for the UCC Science and Technology Network.



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