

Prayer - inspired by Hillsong's "So will I"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec>

Creator God, you are the One who created everything from nothing.
Before the beginning of time itself, you spoke to the emptiness and dark,
And there was light.
And as You spoke, a hundred billion galaxies were born.
Stars and planets formed by Your word.
Everything you've made, every distant star, shows us your grace.
If all creation was made to worship You, so will I.
Holy Spirit, You breathed life into creation.
Billions of creatures are alive because of you,
Evolving in accordance with Your word.

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
You were there at the moment creation began.
You *are* the beginning, the one born first.
Nothing in creation was made without You, and everything holds
together in You.
It's all for you.
If everything exists to lift You high, so will I.

God our Saviour,
You rescued me from the darkness of my failure and pride.
On a hill – a hill You created,
You, the light of the world, were abandoned in darkness to die.
And as You speak
a hundred billion failures disappear.
You gave Your life so I could find it.
Creation is made new as you lead the resurrection parade.
If You left the grave behind You, so will I.

God our Creator, you sustain everything you created.
We see Your heart in all of creation, and in new creation.
May we be prepared to endure everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to you.
Risen Christ, in you, the head of the Church, we see the image of the
invisible God.
May we recognise that you have the first place in everything –
- in our lives, in our church, in our world.

God of creation, God of salvation, God of new creation, we worship you.

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers Easter to Pentecost 2023

Creation and New Creation

The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see
the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters!

Romans 8: 19 TPT



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***By the word of our Lord the heavens were made.
By the spirit of our Lord was life begun.
By the wisdom of our Lord his laws were laid.
By the love of our Lord was born his Son.
By the grace of our Lord mankind was saved.
By the power of our Lord the victory was won.***

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Pray that the Holy Spirit may be seen to dwell in the life of our Circuit Churches.

Our Circuit churches are:

Bradfield Methodist Church	Burnt Hill Methodist Church
Tilehurst Methodist Church	Emmanuel Methodist Church
Wesley Methodist Church	Whitley Methodist Church
Trinity Church, Earley	Caversham Methodist Church
Christ Church, Woodley	Woodley Airfield Church
Oakley Methodist Church	St. Andrews Methodist Church
Oakridge Methodist Church	Old Basing Methodist Church
Kempshott Methodist Church	Christ Church, Chineham
Trinity Methodist Church	
Tadley Methodist Church	Tadley Common Methodist Church
Silchester Methodist Church	Mortimer Methodist Church
Burghfield Common Methodist Church	

A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,
Although our destination is not yet clear,
May we trust in your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in your loving regard;
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things you are saying;
Though we often neglect your influence,
May we be convicted of your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Dwelling in the Word text

You are invited to spend time with this reading, reflecting on different parts of the passage, and exploring what it is that God is saying to you.

You might like to take a different section each week.

Colossians 1: 9b-20 NRSVA

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.