

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: This Is My Father's World

### Devotional

When you step outside today, remember that every blade of grass, every chirping bird, and every breath you take comes from the hand of your Creator. God didn't just speak the world into existence and walk away - He actively sustains every molecule, every heartbeat, every sunrise. The intricate design we see around us isn't random chance but the careful craftsmanship of a loving Father who delights in His creation. From the hummingbird that can fly 500 miles non-stop to the tree that provides oxygen for four people throughout their entire lives, we witness God's incredible attention to detail. As His image-bearers, we're invited to see creation through His eyes - not as mere resources to consume, but as a beautiful book that tells the story of His eternal power and divine nature. When we truly grasp that 'there's not a square inch in all creation over which Jesus Christ does not cry out, This is mine,' our perspective shifts from ownership to stewardship, from exploitation to wonder.

### Bible Verse

'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.' - Psalm 24:1-2 (New International Version (NIV))

### Reflection Question

How does recognizing God's ownership of all creation change the way you interact with the natural world around you?

### Quote

There's not a square inch in all creation over which Jesus Christ does not cry out. This is mine.

### Prayer

Father, help me see Your creation through Your eyes today. Open my heart to wonder at Your handiwork and guide me to be a faithful steward of all You've entrusted to my care.

# Day 2: The Master Designer's Fingerprints

## Devotional

Have you ever marveled at how perfectly designed our world is? God isn't just powerful - He's incredibly creative and intentional. Every system in creation reveals His character as the ultimate designer and recycler. Consider how He designed sustainable cycles that have maintained life for thousands of years: water evaporates, forms clouds, and returns as rain; plants breathe in carbon dioxide and exhale oxygen; soil takes a century to form just one inch, yet supports countless forms of life. With over 1.5 million identified species and 250,000 varieties of flowering plants alone, we see God's love for diversity and beauty. He didn't create a bland, utilitarian world but one bursting with color, texture, and wonder. This intricate design isn't accidental - it's a love letter from our Creator, showing us His eternal power and divine nature. When we study creation, we're actually studying God's character. His creativity inspires our own, His sustainability teaches us wisdom, and His abundance reminds us of His generous heart.

## Bible Verse

'For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.' - Romans 1:20 (New International Version (NIV))

## Reflection Question

What aspect of God's character do you see most clearly reflected in the natural world around you?

## Quote

God is a recycler.

## Prayer

Creator God, thank You for revealing Yourself through Your magnificent creation. Help me to read the story You've written in every flower, every sunset, and every intricate design I encounter.

## Day 3: Called to Be Creation's Midwives

### Devotional

God didn't place us in creation as conquerors but as caretakers. The Hebrew word 'rada' means to care for something as God would care for it - with tenderness, wisdom, and love. We're called to be 'midwives of creation,' helping bring forth the beauty and potential God has placed in His world. This isn't about tree-hugging or environmental activism for its own sake; it's about reflecting God's character in how we treat what belongs to Him. When we tend a garden, conserve resources, or protect vulnerable ecosystems, we're participating in God's ongoing work of sustaining His creation. Just as a midwife helps bring new life into the world with gentle, skilled hands, we're called to help creation flourish under our care. This stewardship extends beyond environmental concerns to how we treat all of God's gifts - our relationships, our communities, our own bodies. Every act of faithful stewardship is an act of worship, declaring that we trust God's design and want to honor His ownership of all things.

### Bible Verse

'God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" - Genesis 1:28 (New International Version (NIV))

### Reflection Question

In what specific ways can you better care for God's creation as He would care for it?

### Quote

We, in a sense, are called to be midwives of creation.

### Prayer

Lord, help me to be a faithful steward of all You've entrusted to me. Give me wisdom to care for Your creation with the same love and attention You show.

## Day 4: Resurrection and Renewal

### Devotional

When Jesus rose from the dead, He didn't just secure our eternal salvation - He began the process of making all things new. The resurrection power that brought Christ back to life is the same power working to restore and renew all of creation. We're not just waiting for a distant heaven; we're participating in God's ongoing work of redemption that includes the whole world. Creation itself is groaning, waiting for liberation from the bondage of decay. As followers of Christ, we have the privilege of being part of this restoration story. Every act of creation care, every effort to heal what's broken, every choice to live sustainably is a small participation in Christ's resurrection work. This isn't about earning salvation through environmental good works - it's about living out the implications of the gospel in every area of life. When we care for creation, we're declaring that matter matters to God, that this world has value, and that Christ's redemption extends to all things. We're living as resurrection people in a world that's being made new.

### Bible Verse

'For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.' - Colossians 1:19-20 (New International Version (NIV))

### Reflection Question

How does understanding Christ's work to reconcile 'all things' change your perspective on caring for creation?

### Quote

When Jesus rose again from the grave. He seeks to make all things new. It's a return to the way it's supposed to be. And as Christ followers, we have a role in this re creation.

### Prayer

Jesus, thank You for Your resurrection power that's making all things new. Help me to live as a resurrection person, participating in Your work of restoration and renewal.

# Day 5: Justice, Compassion, and Creation Care

## Devotional

Creation care isn't just an environmental issue - it's a justice issue. When we damage God's creation, we often hurt the most vulnerable people first. The poor and marginalized suffer most from pollution, climate change, and environmental degradation. They have fewer resources to protect themselves and often live in areas most affected by environmental problems. As followers of Christ, we're called to love our neighbors, and that love extends to caring for the world we all share. When we waste resources or pollute the environment, we're essentially saying we don't care about how our actions affect others, especially those who can't protect themselves. But when we live with contentment, practice conservation, and make choices that protect creation, we're loving our neighbors in practical ways. This is what it means to preach a holistic gospel - caring not just about souls but about whole people living in God's world. Our creation care becomes an expression of Christ's love for all people, especially the least of these.

## Bible Verse

'But godliness with contentment is great gain.' - 1 Timothy 6:6 (New International Version (NIV))

## Reflection Question

How might your choices about consumption and conservation affect your neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable?

## Quote

This is not just caring for God's creation. This is a justice issue. Because oftentimes it's the poor, it's the marginalized that are going to suffer, suffer the most.

## Prayer

God of justice, help me to see how my care for creation connects to my love for my neighbors. Give me a heart of contentment and compassion that seeks the good of all people.