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Weekly Prayer Focus

February 10, 2019

The Dawn of Creation

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. –Genesis 1:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. –Psalm 19:1-4a

"There is none so blind as he who Will Not see." Or, as the Bible says, *The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good (Psalm 14:1).*

Passages like that aren't there just to give us permission to call nonbelievers names. They tell us that unbelief is an act of the will. An expression of rebellion. It isn't a lack of evidence that leads men to deny God. It's a stubborn refusal to bow to His Lordship. A determination to stay lost from our Maker.

In Psalm 19, David tells us straight out. God reveals Himself through His creation. A look at the Genesis creation account reveals what creation has to say about the Creator and gives a glimpse of divine wisdom for daily life. It tells us what God is like and how we can live in ways that pleases Him.

Everything begins with God. The heavens and the earth come from Him. They are an act of His will, an exertion of His power, an expression of His wisdom, knowledge, and exquisite skill. Beethoven has his Fifth Symphony, Michelangelo his Pieta, Da Vinci his Mona Lisa, and God created the heavens and the earth—the work of His fingers (Psalm 8:3).

Genesis 1:1 tells the truth but not the whole truth about the world. It reveals the beginning of God's creation, but when *God created the heavens and the earth*, He wasn't done. *The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep (1:2a)*. Then the Bible's second verse reveals positive anticipation, as God prepares the next step. *And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters (1:2b)*.

The entire account of the creation tells us the difference God makes in the world, revealing His nature and what He finds pleasing. And it's important to notice the full picture. The Almighty was present and active in all His fullness. The Holy Spirit was there, as was the Son—the Word of God. *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light (1:3)*.

John retells the creation account in light of the Incarnation and the Dawn of Redemption. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. At the dawn of creation, all three members of the Godhead were involved.*

God brings light to darkness, order from chaos, and fullness to emptiness. And in each successive day of His creation, God pronounced His work "Good," revealing His positive purpose in creation and in all He does. That's the difference God makes, when He enters a situation. That difference on this cosmic scale is what we bring into any situation for which we pray.

Creation calls God's people to pray. So let's pray! Ask God to bring light to a world lost in darkness. To restore order to the chaos, division, and dissention around us. To fill the emptiness of vast numbers who've strayed far from their Creator. We are the people of God, called to call a lost world back to the God of Creation, in the name of the Son, by the power of the Spirit, to the Praise of His Glory!

Prayer for The New Week

God is not done with His creation. God's Word and His Spirit are working on the world from the inside, through us. *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2nd Corinthians 4:6).*

Our prayers as a church are for more than just our church. First and foremost, we seek God's kingdom, confident that everything we need will be added to us (Matthew 6:33). Our prayers center around two things: 1) Who we are as a church and 2) Who God will send us to lead His work at Northpoint.

Please pray for Northpoint that ...

- Our eyes will be on God and not ourselves.
- Our hearts will be pure before the Lord our Maker.
- Our desires will be for God, His will, and the work He has for us to do.
- God's grace will be the redeeming and motive force for us as a congregation.
- Our faith will be in God's provision.
- Our understanding will be based entirely on God's Word.
- Prayer will be our daily habit, both as a congregation and as individuals.
- The success of our ministry as a church will be explainable only in terms of God's power working in and through us.

Please keep our leaders in prayer. They, especially, need God's power and protection.

1. **Pastors and Directors:** Tony Chute, Scott Williams, Terilyn Brown, Geoff Grant, Taylor Mendoza, and Marti Wiegman
2. **Lay Elders:** Tim East, Steve Flood, Mark Kiker, Mike Russell, Vinoj Zechariah, and God's leading regarding any new elders who will join the team
3. **Church Staff:** Michelle Balga, Bob Brown, Andria Brucks, Jacob Williams, Carolee Jefferson, Amber McEwen, Mark Norland, Corie Saunders, and Teri Vaughn

Praise Record

Note when and how God answers your prayers. It will help you to see that He really is paying attention.

Date	Request	Date	Answer

*The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
 By understanding he established the heavens;
 By his knowledge the deeps broke open,
 And the clouds drop down the dew.
 –Proverbs 3:19-20*