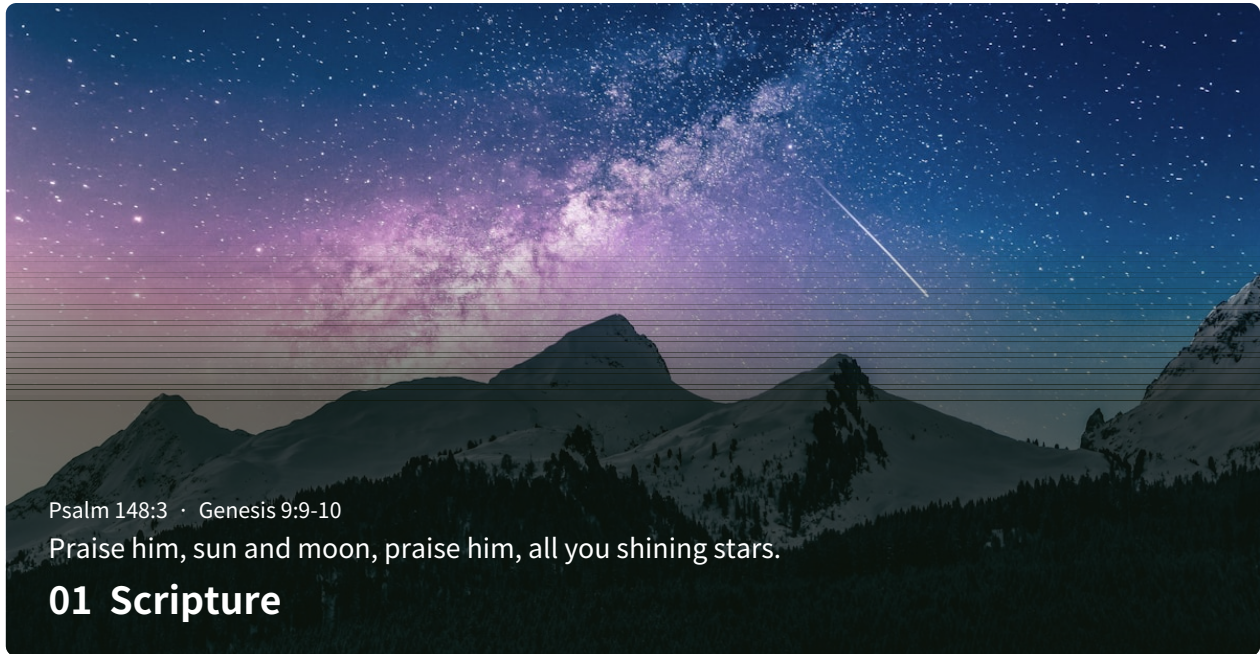


2026 CREATION CARE · WEEK 1

# The Family of Creation

Living together in God's created world



Psalm 148:3 · Genesis 9:9-10

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

## 01 Scripture

"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth."

Genesis 9:9-10

**God's creation is not merely a backdrop—it is a living community.**

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## Reflection

In the Psalms, we see that all of God's creation praises and worships Him. God's covenant with Noah after the flood includes not just humanity, but all creatures. This reveals how deeply God loves and values everything He has created. All life on earth is God's creation. God established humans in His image to ensure that all creatures are well-governed and flourish.

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**We too are part of God's creation.**

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However, we humans are not little gods. We too are part of God's creation. When we recognize this truth, we understand that we are members of a community within God's creation. We are not external managers of the "environment" that needs protection; rather, we are beings living together within God's created ecosystem.



God’s creation is not merely a backdrop or environment, but a living community to which God gives life and care. Through nature, we come to know God more deeply, discover His goodness and beauty, and offer praise. We hope to live lives that treasure and care for this beautiful world entrusted to us.

03 **Did You Know?**

**Roadside Litter**

~50 billion pieces of litter along US roadsides and waterways.

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**Ocean Waste Source**

Over 80% of ocean waste comes from land. Small litter flows to the sea.

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**Wildlife Impact**

Animals mistake litter for food, threatening their lives.

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**Small Actions**

1 person x 1 piece/day x 100 people = 700 less per week

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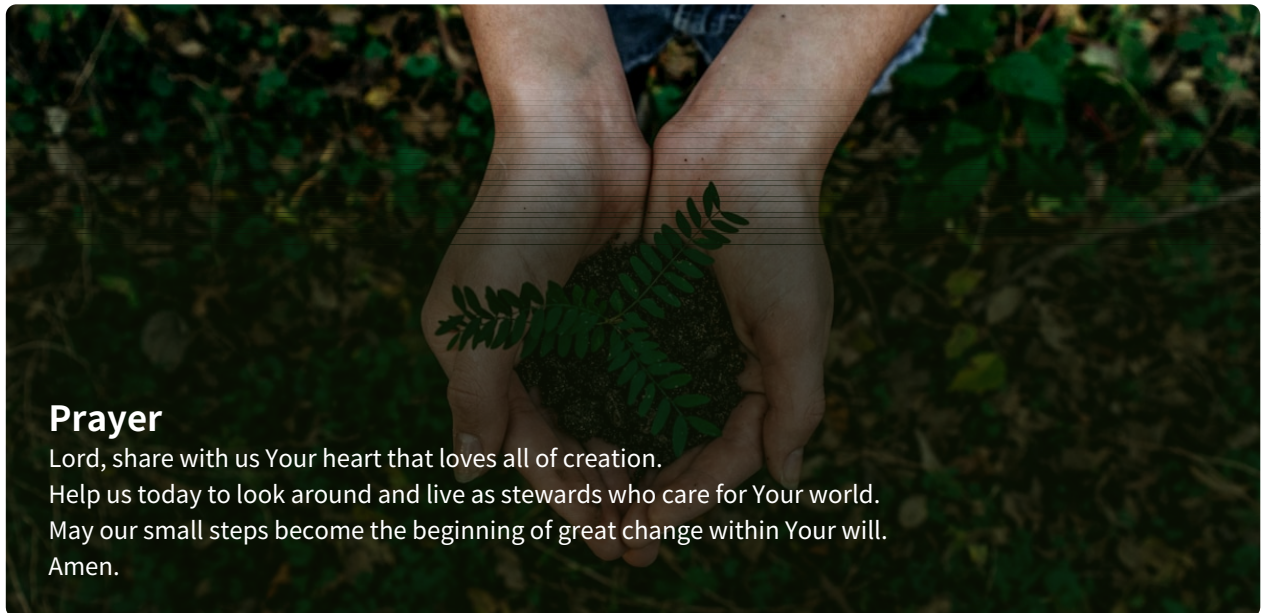
## This Week's Practice

### ! Keep Our Surroundings Clean

This week, pick up at least one piece of litter from your surroundings once per day (home, streets, parking lots, school, parks, etc.)

#### Consider

We should view "the environment" not as a distant problem, but as the community of God's creation to which we belong. Even a small piece of litter we walk past can lead to bigger problems than we think, but our small actions can also make a difference. Try practicing together with family, friends, or your MC group.



#### Prayer

Lord, share with us Your heart that loves all of creation.  
Help us today to look around and live as stewards who care for Your world.  
May our small steps become the beginning of great change within Your will.  
Amen.

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**Our small acts of care become  
a beautiful beginning in tending God's creation.**

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