PRAYERS TO EXPERIENCE GREATER AWE & WONDER

You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. (Psalm 77:14)

WHERE HAS YOUR SENSE OF WONDER GONE?

How long has it been since you paused with quickened breath, rapt in awe? Illness and pain can dull our vision and dampen our sense of wonder, yet God's extraordinary imprint is on display all around us. What if wonder is His invitation to be surprised again and again? What if the God of All Wonders is at work in more ways than we can possibly imagine?

What if wonder is the beginning of true worship? What if wonder is the point at which the mystery of God replaces our complacency with curiosity? What if wonder creates a desire in us to seek a better, deeper, and more intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father?

We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment, we are standing on holy ground. (Brennan Manning)

I LONG TO EXPERIENCE MORE WONDER

Oh Lord, I long to experience more wonder. Open my eyes to *Your* extraordinary in my ordinary. Let awe connect me more deeply to You and others. Remind me to pause and observe, to seek the beauty of Your creation. Oh, may it be so! Amen.

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. (Psalm 65:8)

WHEN DID I LOSE THE WONDER OF A CHILD?

Jesus, when did I lose the wonder and curiosity of a child? When did sarcasm and fear strangle delight? How long has it been since I've giggled, explored, and engaged with creation? When did I last savor, marvel, and celebrate? Please fill me with fresh curiosity. Amen.

If God spoke creation into existence, should we be surprised when creation speaks back to us about God? (Margaret Feinberg)

OPEN MY EYES TO WONDER

Lord, open my eyes to the wonder of Your creation. I feel unworthy, unseen, and displaced today. I am restless and agitated. I look without seeing. I hear without listening. Please give me a glimpse of Your extraordinary creativity. Remind me again that You are the God of wonders. Open my eyes, Lord! Amen.

If you become Christ's, you will stumble upon wonder upon wonder and every one of them true. (Saint Brendan of Birr)

IN AWE OF ALL YOU HAVE MADE ... EXCEPT FOR ME

Creator God, I am made in Your image, by Your hand. How is it possible that the one who made everything out of nothing has made me too? How can I sometimes feel so broken, so filled with shame, and so worthless? How can I stand in awe of all You have made ... except for me? Is that pride? Is that me, the created, saying to You (Creator) "You made a mistake. You didn't get it right with me?" I am so sorry, Lord! I am astonished that You love me completely, perfectly, tenderly, and forever. Thank You for never giving up on me. I love You. Amen.

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship ... (James Houston)

GOD OF A TRILLION GALAXIES

O, God of the wind and willows, the reindeer and the rolling sea, the one who breathed life into Adam and into me, I long to be astonished and to stand utterly in awe—for You are the God of impossible, God of a trillion galaxies, and endless grains of sand. How could I not fall on my knees in wonder or humble my heart in worship? Call me back to You, God, for I am Yours. Amen.

At the very best, we only have an inkling of the wonder of who God is. (Alistair Begg)

SURPRISE ME WITH NEW POSSIBILITIES

Gracious God, refresh me. Invite me to discover Your presence in each person I meet. Teach me when to speak and when to listen, when to ponder and when to share. Gift me with simple joy. When my day goes well, may I rejoice, and when it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities. Amen.

We must always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder. (E. B. White)

Every day God gives us breath is a fresh opportunity to discover wonder, drawing us into worship and awe.