

# 30 Days of Prayer

## Day 14

### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your  
foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your  
fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have  
established;

<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful  
of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

God who has made your children stewards of all creation,

You have given me a privilege and a responsibility to care for your creation: the environment, animals, food, clothing and shelter, money and other economic resources... and people. Yet I have been negligent to care for all you have given me. I have allowed fear and selfishness to guide me. I have not given of my time to care for others. I have not cared for the environment to

God, the creator of the entire universe, has given us “dominion over the works of [God’s] hands. He has made us stewards of everything he has made! We are God’s caretakers, given the privilege and responsibility to love and care for creation, to distribute resources carefully among all people, and to return to God all that belongs to him.

As we near Stewardship Sunday, let us carefully consider how we will allocate our own resources, and how we might faithfully return to God what belongs to God in the first place. It is our grateful response to God’s gift, that “[God] has made [people] a little lower than God, and crowned [us] with glory and honor.” Praise God!

the best of my ability. Forgive me, and help me to follow your commandments and be faithful to your ways.

As I consider my pledge to Shepherd of the Hills, give me wisdom and courage so that I may give to you the first and best of all that I have. Be faithful to your children, providing for all my needs as you have promised. Help me make wise and difficult decisions concerning my finances, so that I continue to meet my responsibilities to my family, the church, to my creditors, and all others to whom I have financial commitments.... *(take all the time you need to reflect on your financial commitments, and ways that you might change your spending habits to be as faithful to God as possible)*. My spending is an expression of faith. Help me to trust in you.

Watch with delight, Lord, as my dollars flow like a small stream together with the dollars of others, making the stream a river, and then an ocean. Turn our dollars into hundreds, thousands, hundreds of thousands, and millions, so that together we might change the world! How majestic is your name in all the earth, Lord God! I praise you for your faithfulness! In the name of Christ,

Amen.