



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 4 - Of Creation

Almighty and merciful God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You had no need to create but out of your own free and unconstrained will you chose to do so.

In creating the heavens and the earth you made known how glorious you are in your eternal power, your wisdom, and your goodness.

We can only worship you in the knowledge that before anything existed, you created all out of nothing.

You created every single thing, that which is visible and that which even invisible to the naked eye.

When you surveyed that which you had made, you concluded that not only was it "good" but it was "very good".

Heaven Father, in this brand new creation you made all things in a very deliberate order. It is with humility that we see have come to understand that you created humanity, male and female, as the very pinnacle of this creation.

You gifted this new humanity knowledge, righteousness and a true holiness, all mirroring you their creator – our creator. What a gracious wise God you are.

You made us male and female in your image.

You blessed us with souls which are able to reason and make decisions and have everlasting life (immortal).

You have revealed that you gave that first couple, Adam and Eve, your law on their hearts.

But you also gave them an explicit command, to **not** eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

From their beginning, you gave them the power to fulfil this command. However, Lord we know that in your perfect and good wisdom you also gave them the freedom of choice to transgress your law. You gave them true freedom of choice.

Heavenly Father, what a gracious God you are, that you should covenant to them fullness of life, happiness, dominion over all other creatures as reward for that simple obedience. We praise you that they also knew the consequences of disobedience.

Lord they had a glorious life while they kept that command. Their joy, their lives were found not only in the blessings of a fertile world, but in their relationship with you their creator.

Lord we grieve that they chose disobedience instead of obedience. Unfaithfulness instead of faithfulness. Sin instead of holiness.

We mourn that they chose to listen to the serpent Satan in his deception instead of you in your true word. That they chose death despite your warning...they chose that death not only for themselves but also for their offspring.

Gracious God, we praise you ... that even from that very first choice of death, you were merciful where no mercy was due.

You promised to that the human offspring of the woman would become the snake crusher...a son in this humanity of the women....one who would ensure your glory ... one who would live in obedience and overturn the curse of that humanity's disobedience. We praise you for that Son, Jesus Christ.

We praise you for your grace, for the undeserved mercy, for the restored relationships you grant to all who are in Christ.

Thank you, that by grace through faith in Jesus, you restore all relationships as they should be; with you, one another, in fact with this world.

We acknowledge that you re-write your law of obedient love on our hearts by your Spirit. Praise you Lord God that you help us keep that law and in so doing, honour and glorify you as we ought.

When we ponder the greatness and grandeur of the heavens and earth help us to marvel in awe and worship of you alone – Creator God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.