

# Bringing Order from Chaos

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Spending a few minutes each day observing, reflecting, and praying about creation can increase your awareness of God's past, present, and future activity in it.

## For

Adult, Couple

## Season

Fall

## Needed

Six index cards, pen, Bible, willingness to observe and reflect

## Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer or something similar to begin:

*Creator God, guide our senses and our minds this week as we watch you bring order to the chaos that surrounds us. Amen.*

2. Each day for a week (or once a week for six weeks), read the scripture passage indicated below. Write the part of creation described in the assigned passage on an index card.
  - Monday: Genesis 1:1-5
  - Tuesday: Genesis 1:6-8
  - Wednesday: Genesis 1:9-13
  - Thursday: Genesis 1:14-19
  - Friday: Genesis 1:20-23
  - Saturday: Genesis 1:24-25
3. Throughout the day, pay special attention to the part of creation described in the scripture passage for the day. Be prepared for the Spirit to bring that focus into your daily experience. On the index card, jot down your observations about that part of creation. Write or draw a prayer that:
  - Praises God for this part of creation.
  - Recognizes a concern or problem related to this part of creation.
  - Intercedes for those who are suffering because of this problem.
  - Invites God to call upon you to do what you can to address a need related to this part of creation.
4. Discuss with another person any questions or insights you have about creation after this week of prayer writing. How has this activity helped to bring order to any chaos you sense in creation?
5. With another person, if possible, take action to address a need you identified in your prayers.
6. Option: You may wish to view "The Creation- by James Weldon Johnson" on YouTube at [The Creation, by James Weldon Johnson](#). It pairs photos with the colorful oratory style of earlier African American preachers to tell the story from Genesis.

