

**02-14-10 Prayer :: Divine Design**  
**Scripture passages and notes from the sermon**

“Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves. When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little. When we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord.”

– Sir Francis Drake

**God wants us to pray beyond repentance and enter into relationship with the One who saved us and designed us.**

**God is a good gift giver.**

**Romans 12:1-8**

**1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

**2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.**4** Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,**5** so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.**7** If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;**8** if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**1 Timothy 1:6-7**

**6** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**7** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

**10** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

**11** If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Genesis 1:26-2:1**

**26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over

the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

**27** So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

**28** God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**29** Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

**30** And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

**31** God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

### **Genesis 2**

**1** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

### **Genesis 2:7**

**7** the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

### **Psalms 103:114**

**14** for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

**God remembers the very dust He used to form us.  
He can take care of every detail of your life.**

### **Psalms 119:73**

**73** Your hands made me and formed me;  
give me understanding to learn your commands.

### **Isaiah 45:18**

**18** For this is what the Lord says—  
he who created the heavens,  
he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth,  
he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty,  
but formed it to be inhabited—  
he says:  
“I am the Lord,  
and there is no other.

**Acts 17:18**

**28** 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

**29** "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill.**30** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.