

## NOTES



## PRAYER

*O Yahweh, my God, as I set out for work today, help me to be light at the office and a source of inspiration to our clients and my colleagues. Put the right words in my mouth that will build others up and give them hope. Lord, help me to be a source of blessing to those people that are going through difficult times. Fill my workplace with peace and remove anything that may bring strife. Be our shield and guide in everything that we do. In Jesus' name, I believe and pray, Amen.*

Prayers for Peace at Work - [connectusfund.org](http://connectusfund.org)

## OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

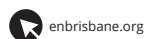
What is the most beautiful work of art you've ever seen in person?



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## WORD

1:24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image,

in the image of God he created them;  
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 in the sea and the birds in the sky 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 in the sky and all the creatures that move along 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.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

### [Genesis 1:24-31; 2:1-3](#)

The Author of the book of Genesis describes God's creation of the world as work. In fact, he depicts the magnificent project of cosmos invention within a regular workweek of seven days. And then he shows us human beings working in paradise. This view of work - connected with divine, orderly creation and human purpose - is distinct among the great faiths and belief systems of the world.

The creation narrative in the book of Genesis is unique among the ancient accounts of origins. Many cultures had stories that depicted the beginning of the world and human history as the result of a struggle between warring cosmic forces. In the Babylonian creation story the Enima Elish the god Marduk overcomes the goddess Tiamat and forges the world out of her remains. In this and similar accounts, the visible universe was an uneasy balance of powers in tension with one another. In the Bible however creation is not the result of conflict, for God has no rivals. Indeed, all the powers and beings of heaven and earth are created by him and dependant on him. Creation then, is not the aftermath of a battle but the plan of a craftsman. God made the world not as a warrior digs a trench but as an artist makes a masterpiece.

[Timothy Keller - Every Good Endeavor](#)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your creativity? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Do you enjoy the work you do? Why/Why Not?
3. If you believe in creation, you believe that there is a Creation narrative which also means that everything has purpose for its creation. If you don't believe in creation, everything is accidental. Which do you believe and what does that mean for the way you would live your life?
4. God created all creation in a specific order, with humans being the last thing he creates before he takes a day to enjoy His creation. Do you see this pattern in your life of work and enjoyment/rest in your life?
5. Do you want to trust Jesus as the Creator and sole source of fulfilment of your life by accepting His call for you to enter into relationship with Him? Please take this moment to pray with your group. Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.**