

December 23, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Friends, we keep you and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center in our daily prayers. As we approach Christmas later this week, we wanted to share our prayers with you.

**God's Word:** Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Creator God, we see you in the universe you created that surrounds us. We see your hand in the distant sparkling stars that you have hung in the night sky and we see you in the tiniest of snowflakes that land in our hands and glisten then disappear in an instant. We see you in the seasons of the year, the coming and going of the moons great light, and the breaking of the dawn and the approach of the night. We see you in birth, in life, and in death. We see you in the oceans, the mountains, the rivers, the plains and the forests. You created the universe and have determined how it is that you manifest yourself in our lives.

But Creator, those are things that all mankind sees. They are things that your creation has sinfully abused by worshiping them, by exploiting them, by caring more for the creation than the creator. Forgive us for when we have done those things. We know that it is through this creation that you intend to make your presence known even to those who do not know you.

Father, we are your people. We have studied your Word and through it we have been led by your Spirit to have our eyes open the great feats of your people. We have seen written in your Word the wonderful promises that we did not deserve. And, we have been uplifted by the mysteries of a love so great that our Father would send His only Son to die for us.

As we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth, remind us of his journey, of his power, of his anguish, of his suffering, of his death, and of his resurrection.

We know of your great love for us and for your desire that all should come to the knowledge of that love. We ask now that you would continue to bless our efforts to teach people the importance of understanding and believing in a Creator, of grasping the significance of our Fall and its consequences, and of the joy we have in Christ Jesus.

Grant us more opportunities to share with those who know nothing about you. Grant us more occasions where we can educate those who desire to know more. Grant us more instances when believers can come together and grow through the study of your Word and those pastors, teachers, and scientists that you send our way.

Father, we know that the tasks we have taken on cannot be accomplished by mere mortals. It will be your Spirit entering the hearts of donors, of volunteers, or campers, of investors. It will be your power that will overcome the challenges we face. It will be your wisdom that will give us the insights we need. And it will be your blessings that will finally accomplish what it is that you desire regarding the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch.

For now, Father, help us to be thankful for all that you have already done and be prepared for the miracles that will surely come our way.

We pray this in Christ's name.

May God grant each of you a blessed and safe Christmas filled with the joy of His Creation.