



WCS Prayer Guide April 2025 By Rev. Dale Shunk

Not one of them is missing!

Today, as we approach Easter, my message will include my passion to photograph the stars as an amateur astronomer and my love and interest in the Scriptures that I believe are the genuine inspired and eternal Word of God our Creator. So, I have a photo for you and a question.

Our Scripture: Isaiah 40: 18 - 26

-- Here is the Pleiades or Seven Sisters group of stars!

Question: What do we do with this photo?

Answer: Isaiah would say "Look up on high to the heavens and see the Stars!" God knows them by name and not one of them is missing!

Question: Does this mean that the number of stars is known and not infinite?



Answer: **Yes, God knows the number of stars and knows them by name!** Of course, to us the stars seem infinite and too numerous to count for us humans, which relates to the analogy given to Abraham about his descendants being as numerous as the sand of the seashore or the stars in the sky.

Genesis 15: 3 "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, so shall thy seed be."

Genesis 22: 17 "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies."

Here is the estimated number of sand and stars! 20 million trillion = 20 quintillion, or

2 x 100,000,000,000,000,000 (Source is Sky and Telescope Magazine) Also note this interesting fact. The number of grains in the sands of the seas of Earth are equal to the number of stars in the universe, give or take a trillion.

This is what God says:

"Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power Not one of them is missing." (Isaiah 40:18-26).

Here is what else must not be missing!

- 1.) Belief that God exists! And that he could create the stars.
 - a. Hear this quote by Dr. Danny Faulkner, Ph.D. in astrophysics. “The universe is so vast: it will take your breath away. Only an all-powerful Creator could make something so immeasurable, complex, and orderly.” (The Heavens: A different view)
 - b. Another statement from a former NASA engineer, Spike Psarris, is as follows. “We live in a Universe of overwhelming size and beauty. It contains about 100 billion galaxies, each of which contains about 100 billion stars. Did you know that according to the secular model, none of them should exist?” (Our Created Stars and Galaxies: What you are not being told about astronomy. Vol. II)
 - c. My statement: For Isaiah to declare that “not one of them is missing” means that each star is in its place for the purpose God has placed them. Do you know that stars also sing? Read Job 38:7. “...the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.” I did student work-study under Dr. James Lopresto, resident astronomer at Edinboro College, Edinboro, PA. He specialized in solar observation of our Sun and showed me that every star has its own unique sound frequency. The stars sing in harmony!
- 2.) Understanding that the existence of stars shows the strength of His power. Romans 1: 18-20
- 3.) We also shine as witnesses in a “warped and crooked generation.” (Phil. 2: 14-16)

Look up and see with your own eyes and understand who has created these stars. It is God the creator of the heavens and earth! Not just any god. The God who created the heavens and the earth. This phrase “...who created the heavens and the earth” is a particular description of Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews.

Whenever you see a marvelous photo from the Hubble or James Webb telescopes and the scientist points out another “star forming area” of a nebula, ask them if they have ever documented the formation of a new star? They cannot! Secular atheist scientists have formulas and models, but no proof. We can quote **Psalm 33: 8-9** from the infallible Word of God which says “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.”

The Hebrew word for **Creator** (qana) (kaw-naw) is used twelve times in the Bible.

and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, **Creator** (*qānâ*) (kaw-naw) of heaven and earth.

The Genesis Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon describes the use of Kaw-naw this way.

קָנָה fut. יִקְנֶה; apoc. יִקֵּן prop. TO ERECT, to set upright, i. q. יִבְנֶה (cogn. to בָּנָה, קָנָה; whence קָנָה, קָנָה reed, cane); hence — (1) to found, create [see note below] the heaven and the earth, Gen. 14:19, 22; men, Deut. 32:6; Psa. 139:13; Prov. 8:22 (Arab.

Other Scripture references where “Creator” are as follows.

☞ [Gen 14:22](#)

But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

☞ [Deu 32:6](#)

Is this the way you repay the LORD, you foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

☞ [Ecc 12:1](#)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them”—

☞ [Isa 40:28](#)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and no one can fathom his understanding.

☞ [Isa 42:5](#)

This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it. Isaiah 42: 5

☞ [Isa 43:15](#)

I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King.”

☞ [Mat 19:4](#)

“Haven't you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’”

☞ [Rom 1:25](#)

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

☞ [Col 3:10](#)

and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

☞ [1Pe 4:19](#)

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

4.) What else must not be missing? -- Saved souls!

Believing that God is our Creator is a precursor to salvation. Check out Heb. 11: 5-6.

⁵ “By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Also read Mt. 28: 18-20.

Here is a similar statement by the Apostle Paul.

“¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” (Romans 1: 18-20)

So, God has made it plain to all people, even his invisible qualities of eternal power and divine nature, IE., God’s ability to create. Therefore, they are all without excuse and should repent and believe the One True God.

So, why don’t they believe?

2 Corinthians 4:4

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

How can this blindness be lifted?

Humble yourself before your Creator God and ask that he take away the darkness that blinds you and others you know so that they believe that He exists and invite the one who died for you on the cross, Jesus Christ, to save your soul. Name those in your realm of influence who are blinded by this world and do not know the Lord Jesus. Pray for eyes to be opened.

Put faith in the risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so that he is the center of your life. Do not let the shiny idols of this world divert or deceive you into thinking they are more important. Here is an astronomical illustration. Look at this circumpolar picture of Polaris AKA: the North Star after 33 minutes of camera exposure. It is called a circumpolar photo because all the stars travel in a circle around the north pole. But wait! Isn’t that bright star in the center Polaris? Why is it producing a star trail? The answer is because it is not “True North” and .07 degrees away from center. I know that Jesus is the center of my life. My life's verse is Hebrews 12: 1-2 and I keep my eyes fixed on Jesus the author and finisher of my faith.

So, let us look closer at this photo. The brightest star in the picture is Polaris or commonly known as the North Star. Yet, just to the left of Polaris is "True North" where all astronomers align their telescopes for observation. All other stars including Polaris are circling around "True North." Anything other than “True North” is considered an idol if you worship it or trust it “falsely” to be true north. Instead, I want to focus on True North” for my life. I want my risen Lord Jesus Christ to be my "True North" and my life to revolve around him. I hope that you will do the same now and throughout the year 2025. If you sense



that your life is not fully revolving around the life and Word of Jesus Christ, then now is the time to take a step in that direction. Prayerfully surrender your idols to Jesus and truly worship Him today. Come. Does this message help you seek his divine presence in prayer and worship? Does this cause you to understand how our Creator is powerful and loving at the same time to create a world and universe for us to inhabit and thrive in? He is worthy of our worship! Amen!

For the awakening, Rev. Dale Shunk



Our Prayer Work

Here are four weekly themes for April for us to focus on while in prayer and fasting

April 1-5 – Make sure that passionate worship is not missing from our churches.

Question: Is the worship of God what you, as Global Methodist intercessors, are making a priority in your churches? If not, what steps need to be taken to deepen your worship experiences with God and each other? Lift your eyes to the heavens and the wonder and power of our Creator God.

Scriptures: Psalm 100, Isaiah 40: 18-26, Acts 2

Global Methodist Church PRAYER and PRAISE:

- There is an urgent need for prayers for healing and peace in Liberia, The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Nigeria between church leaders and national factions.
Pray for the MidSouth partnership with Slovakia GMC Conference for continued support. [Learn more in this travel report to Slovakia.](#)
- Pray for, **Rev. Todd Chancey**, the new Conference Superintendent for the MidSouth GMC Conference as he begins work in July 2025.
- Pray for the continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit across our conferenes.
- May new hope arise in 2025 as we seek the presence of God the Father in prayer and worship in every GMC congregation.
- Pray for those in the UM Central Conferences who are still making decisions of allegiance or disaffiliation.
- Pray that all our members learn about our adopted [Book of Doctrines and Discipline](#) so that we will live them out in unity for the glory of God.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up Prayer Point Leaders for every congregation to create and lead intentional, on-going prayer ministry for the glory of our Creator God. If you are a member of a local GMC and desire to be a part of your church's prayer team, let your Prayer Point Leader know or tell your pastor.
- Praise God for the selection of **Dr. David Watson** to be the next President of Asbury Theological Seminary starting in July 2025. May David and his wife Harriet be anointed by the Holy Spirit with both physical and spiritual strength to carry out this calling on their lives for the glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

April 6 – 12 – What else must not be missing? A high view of our wonderful Creator God

Question: How big is your God? The Creator of the heavens and the earth loves you and desires an intimate relationship with you. He wants you to worship him as a God like no other.

Scriptures: Psalm 39: 3, Isaiah 45: 18, Col. 1: 15-20

GMC PRAYER NEEDS:

- Pray for the a Holy Spirit led future for the GMC.
- Pray for our [8 Bishops](#) by name to be filled with Godly wisdom.
- Pray for every GMC to engage in and enjoy an intentional prayer ministry to the extent that your church will be known as a “House of Prayer!”
- Pray for the *expanding global presence* of the GMC. Find a church: [See the Map](#)
- Pray over the GMC partnerships. Visit [Dr. Cindy Harvel's list](#) of all the GMC.
- Pray for preparations in two years for the next GMC General Conference in Africa.
- Pray for our GMC [conference leaders](#).
- The church in Nigeria has been in conflict to the point of violence. Pray for God’s peace to prevail & reconciliation be realized. [Read the statement](#) from the Assembly of Bishops.
- Pray for the GMC believers in Uganda who seek to join the GMC but are hindered by legal hurdles. Pray that God will make a way.
- Pray for Rev. Patrick Isabirye who pastors Mt. Olives Community Church who wants to join the GMC and needs a visa to attend Asbury Seminary to earn a doctoral degree.
- Pray for love and patience for the UMC and GMC in Liberia. The Liberia United Methodist for Biblical Christianity under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jerry Kulah has split from the UMC and Pastor Kulah and others were jailed in March.
- The church in Rwanda is having trouble disaffiliating and needs a breakthrough of God’s grace.
- Remember the UMC churches in Zimbabwe who want to breakaway and join the GMC. Pastor Forbes Matonga is leading a group that will hold a press conference soon to talk about the difficult process and sacrifices involved.

April 13 - 19 – What else must not be missing?

Prayers for our pastoral leadership: The Devil targets our pastors and their families for failure. Pray for their protection and build up a shield of faith around them to make a way for them to prosper in the Lord. As our pastors, superintendents and bishops prosper in physical and spiritual health, so will the congregations they shepherd.

Scripture: Exodus 17: 8 -12. Be the Aarons and Hurs for our pastors as they were for Moses.

Prayer Concerns:

- Pray for your pastor by name as well as your conference leadership and your bishop.

- Pray that the Lord raise up prayer warriors for every GMC Conference local church House of Prayer!
- Pray that the Lord establishes one new church plant for every currently established local church!
- Pray that the Lord fill every pastor and lay leader with your Holy Spirit to boldly seek the Father's presence for His glory!
- Pray that the Lord, show your favor on every GMC church so it can be said of us as it was in the Book of Acts. "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Amen and hallelujah!

April 20-30 – What else do we not want missing?

Answer: Souls! Our Lord Jesus commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations." We don't want any soul to be missing from the number of the redeemed and neither does our Heavenly Father. All our GMC Conferences will have a prayer focus before and during their summer Annual Conferences. The MidSouth Conference has a 40-days of prayer preparation that includes a challenge to make a list of five people that you know who do not know Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Pray for them daily to be open to the Gospel and then actually go and invite them to "come and see" the Lord. If everyone in the MidSouth takes this to heart, we could realize a wonderful harvest of fruit for the kingdom of God. Amen!

Scripture: Read again Isaiah 40: 18-26, John 3: 16-17, Matthew 28: 18-20

Prayer Concerns:

- Pray for the Prayer Coordinator in your Annual Conference to be blessed both spiritually and physically to be able to do the work of prayer
- Pray for your upcoming GMC Annual Conference. Important delegates will be elected to attend the GMC Global Conference in 2026.

Pray that we seek and know the presence of God Almighty at every level of our Global Methodist leadership and local church congregations. We would not want anything less for them! In fact, **we want to will as many people to Christ so none of them is missing** in the work of the kingdom of God.

Suggested reading:

- "How God saves the world" by Dr. Timothy Tennent
- "By Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit grows the church" by Stephen D. Elliott

For the awakening,
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