

ELOHIM

THE STRONG CREATOR GOD

PRAYING THROUGH THE NAMES OF GOD

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BACKGROUND

ELOHIM is the Hebrew word for God that appears in the very first sentence of the Bible. When we pray to Elohim, we remember that he is the One who began it all, creating the heavens and the earth and separating light from darkness, water from dry land, night from day.

This ancient name for God contains the idea of God's creative power as well as his authority and sovereignty.

Jesus used a form of the name in his agonized prayer from the cross. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" — which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

A mighty God could have created a world quite different from the one we know. It could have had perpetually dark skies, grass that hurt to walk on, dogs that couldn't be housebroken, and people incapable of love. Have you ever wondered why the world you take for granted is often so stunningly beautiful? So pleasant to live in? Why the people around you are capable of so much kindness? So often we miss life's beauty because we are preoccupied by its flaws. Instead of taking off our shoes to feel the feathery soft grass beneath our feet, we complain that it's growing so fast we don't have time to mow it. Rather than enjoying the gregarious woman behind the supermarket counter, we blame her friendly chatter for delaying the checkout line.

And what about us? Who stares back from the mirror each morning? A child of God who is growing daily in his image or someone whose nose is too big or too small, whose hair is in a state of perpetual rebellion, or whose skin is aged and worn?

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

GENESIS 1: 1-2

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Today, ask the God who made you to remake your sense of wonder at his creative power.

Elohim, Mighty One, you made everything out of nothing, imposed order on chaos, gave birth to beauty, and called it all good.

Help me to know you as the one true God who created everything and everyone, the one who has placed me on the earth for a purpose— to magnify your name. Amen.

Elohim, you are the strong Creator God. In you I find all of the components of everything you have ever created. Your great imagination gave the elephant its long trunk and the leopard its spots. By your strong arm the ocean depths were first measured and the mountains rose. You chose what colour the sky would be and how the earth would feed itself, even bringing life through death as a seed dies before towering into a tree. I praise you for the greatness of your creative prowess and ingenuity. I adore you for the fullness of your power. And I honour you for how you have made all things, even the minutiae, work together to populate your great creation that we call earth.

Elohim, forgive me when I fail to recognize your creative power. Forgive me for not stopping and being awed by your hand and the masterpiece of your creation.

Forgive me for doubting where I should trust you, even when it comes to my own life— my health and my purpose for living. I have not always seen you in the light of your greatness, and sometimes I make you seem much smaller than you truly are. For that, I am sorry.

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Prayer Suggestions

Elohim, thank you for the security I experience when I recognize you as the great Creator God. No one was there telling you how to make the earth rotate in its orbit so it would continually receive light and heat. And yet you did it perfectly. I thank you that you know all things and don't need me to try to figure out how to solve my issues or make my plans come about. You put the universe together with your words— thank you for knowing how to put my life together as well.

Elohim, as the Strong Creator God, there is nothing you cannot do. If You can make something out of nothing when you created the heavens and the earth, then you can make something out of nothing in my life as well. You can create opportunities where there are none, you can create streams of finance, where previously there was nothing. You can create a strong business out of nothing. You can create new ribs, new bones, new kidneys and new heart organs where the old has broken or worn out. You can create a baby in the womb when everyone else said it was impossible to conceive. You can create new creatures in Christ, where the old has gone and the new has come. Only You can do that. Go to work in me Elohim, Strong Creator God, in the empty places, in the voids, in the nothingness and brokenness, and in the situations in my life, family and business...and do your best creative work!

Elohim, create great things for me to walk in.

Create intersections where you merge my passion, experiences, skills, and interests together so I can fulfill the calling you have for me.

Create in my heart a purity that is peaceful and appealing to those around me.

Create my destiny, I pray, and then guide me into it for your name's sake and for your pleasure.

I trust you to create my life's story and to give me all I need to fully live out the path you have planned for me.

Thank you, Elohim, for being the strong Creator God.