



# A Prayer of Beholding

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Father God, we pray this prayer of beholding for no other purpose than to enjoy you, know you, and be with you. Like David prayed, the one thing we ask and seek is to dwell in your house and behold your beauty. We behold that made in your image, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We behold the beauty of your creation, though your greatness is beyond our description.

Just as the heavens declare your glory and the skies declare your handiwork, we behold all that you have made and in our hearts agree with you that it is very good.

## **Response: Let us behold God our Creator**

We behold your beauty in our salvation, knowing that we were brought forth in iniquity and in sin did our mothers conceive us. But you heard the cry of your people, leaving your throne to wake as a child. As we repent of our sinful ways, we behold the good news of great joy that a child has been born and his name shall be called Immanuel. We behold that God with us is also God for us, beholding the lamb of God who takes away the sins of this world.

We behold you at the door of our hearts, knocking and waiting in love, knowing that if anyone may open the door, they are a new creation, the old has passed and the new has come.

## **Response: Let us behold God our Saviour**

We behold the beauty of your provision and protection, knowing that as your children, we are of infinite more value than the birds in the air that are cared for day by day without any sowing or reaping. We behold your glory, with unveiled faces, knowing that day by day, the Holy Spirit is transforming us into the image of your son.

We behold the love of our Father that is so freely lavished upon us, knowing that just like your son Jesus, we are now called children of God, and so we are.

## **Response: Let us behold God our loving Father**



We behold the beauty of the resurrection and see the place where they laid the crucified Christ. Yet we do not behold you in the grave for you are not there but have risen. We behold you at the right hand of the Father, victorious over sin and death. Seated on the throne, we behold you as our righteous king who is making all things new. We behold your desire to dwell with your people and behold with watchful eyes the day of your return that is drawing nearer and nearer with each passing day.

May we behold your return not with passivity, but by partnering with your Spirit to see your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

**Response: Let us behold our Soon Coming King**

We ask that you open our eyes that we may behold your beauty. Open our ears that we may behold the guiding voice of your Spirit. Open our hearts that we might lead others to also behold you as their Father, Saviour, and King.

**Response: We behold you as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Now and Forevermore. Amen and Amen**