**Day 14 Devotions, March 3:**

OPENING PRAYER

Stanza 3 of Amazing Grace

*Through many dangers, toils and snare, I have already come;*

*‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

What a wonderful prayer – expressing abundant trust in God.

Look to the past.  Where has God been with you in past trials?

Can you trust that God will still be there in present and future trials?

Scripture for today is Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31.

The Hebrew word translated as DOMINION (which also appears in Psalm 8) has the meaning of being stewards or caretakers.

GENESIS 1:1-5, 26-31

*First this, God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don’t see.  Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness.  God’s Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.*

*God spoke: “Light!”  And light appeared.*

*God saw that light was good and separated light from dark.*

*God named the light Day, he named the dark Night.*

*It was evening, it was morning—Day One.*

*God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the Earth.”*

*God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God’s nature.  He created them male and female.  God blessed them: “Prosper!  Reproduce!  Fill Earth!  Take charge!  Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of the Earth.”*

*Then God said, “I’ve given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth And every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food.  To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.”*

*God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good!*

*It was evening, it was morning—Day Six.*

The Message, The Bible in Contemporary Language by Eugene Peterson

Notice movements toward and resistance to God in your life and in the world as it pertains to caring for one another, for creatures, for the earth.

How do our words create in our life and in the world?