

## Daily Devotional, December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Thoughts

It is my hope that each of you, has a meaningful and blessed Christmas. Although many of you, like myself, will not be spending time together with loved ones this year, things will change soon, and we will all find opportunities in the future to make up for lost time. Let's make sure we do not let those opportunities slip away.

The prayer below did not originate with me; it was given by NASA Astronaut Frank Borman of Apollo 8, the first manned space mission to orbit Earth's moon, in a live telecast on Christmas Eve 1968 His fellow astronauts shared relevant Biblical passages. The prayer and Scriptures are still appropriate for us in 2020.

### **William Anders:**

"For all the people on Earth the crew of Apollo 8 has a message we would like to send you".

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light': and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."

### **Jim Lovell:**

"And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters". And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

### **Frank Borman:**

"And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear": and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas: and God saw that it was good."

Borman then added, "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you - all of you on the good Earth."

My sentiments exactly.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Jim