

# Diversity: Gender and Sexuality in the Body of Christ, Week 2

**What do you think God's perspective on sex and gender is? What do you think the Bible has to say about it?**

## Passage #1

Isaiah 45: 9-11

**9** “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him,

a pot among earthen pots!

Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’

or ‘Your work has no handles’?

**10** Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’

or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’”

**11** Thus says the Lord,

the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him:

“Ask me of things to come;

will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands?[a]

**How does this passage relate to creation and gender identity?**

Passage #2

Isaiah 65:17-19

17 "For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.

**How does this passage relate to creation and gender identity?**

## Instructions for Writing a Collect Prayer:

**You:** descriptive name addressing God

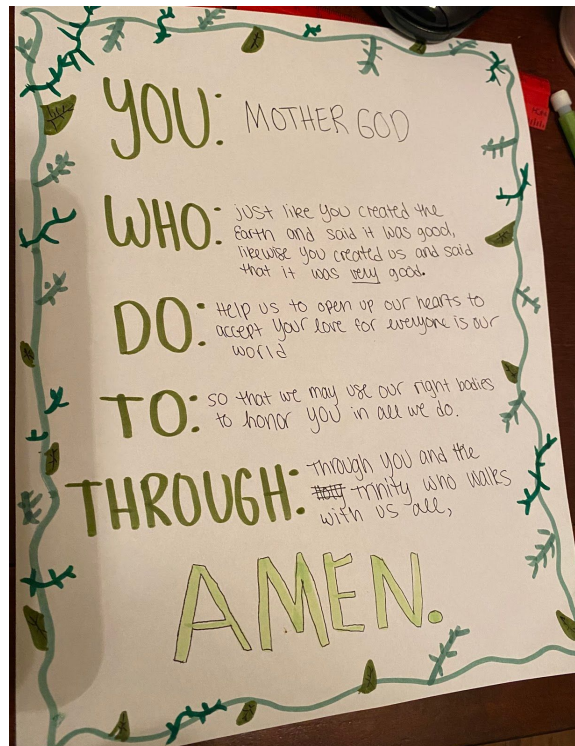
**Who:** attribute or past action of God or something in the Bible

**Do:** make a request based on the character of God you highlighted

**To:** the reason for the request

**Through:** affirms the Trinity of Jesus' meditations

### Example that I wrote:



Try it yourself!

## **Glossary:**

**Sex:** the gender that you were assigned at birth, or your biological gender

**Gender:** how you identify, where you fall on the gender-spectrum

**Cisgender:** when your sex and gender are the same (e.g.: I was born female, and I identify as female)

**Gender Expression:** how someone expresses their gender in regards to their outward appearance (whether through clothes, makeup, etc.)

**Non-Binary:** Someone who does not feel that they fit within the binary categories (male and female), rather they are somewhere in the middle. Often they will use they/them/theirs pronouns or a mix of pronouns.