

The Most Beautiful Place

What is the most beautiful place you have ever been? There have been many for me. A sunset with my granddaughter when the colors of the sunset were so beautiful it took my breath away, Rocky Mountain National Park, the Sea of Galilee and knowing this is where Jesus walked on the water and where the first disciples had fished and lived, The Pyramids and the Sphinx in Egypt, the sunsets over the Gulf in Florida, The mountains in Austria with the Alps in the distance, The Great Lakes especially Lake Superior, watching the sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean and the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. So many more beautiful places that I could go on all day and that would be just in Michigan. This week our Pastor has been leading a team on a mission trip. They are seeing a part of the world they have never seen, and I know they will see God's beautiful sights on this trip. I am anxious to hear about this journey and what they loved and what they saw. Did they see the love of God in the people they met? I hope that they will see the beautiful creation that God gave us. I have been blessed to stand in places and say, "Oh God you made the world so beautiful." When we see something so beautiful whether it is a beautiful view or a sunrise or sunset, or the birth and miracle of a baby. Or a hand reaching out to lift someone else up we are reminded of how much our heavenly Father loves us. I pray that what they see and do will be a blessing not only to others but to themselves as they truly are the hands and feet of Jesus the Christ.

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord and we pray that our unity will be one day be restored and they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yeah they will know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We are One in the Spirit by Peter Scholtes

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and for the blessings we receive. We thank you for the beauty of the world you gave us and may we remember it is yours. Be with Rev. Gotham and the team with him on their mission trip. May their work go well, may they remember to rest and refresh each day. Grant them safety and well-being. Be with our church may we be a blessing to others as we are so blessed. Be with those who are sick and who grieve in our midst, grant them healing and comfort. May we be a blessing to those who hunger and those who are in need. Be with our staff and leaders, grant them health and well-being. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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