God Favors Human Beings

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O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you
have established;
What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things
under their feet,
All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the
sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. (Psalm 8:1-9)

Prayer: Sovereign God, who rules heaven and earth; Great Designer who ordered creation;
Passionate One who protects us like a mother eagle; Compassionate Potter who molds and
shapes us like a mother who cares for her baby, you share your power and royal majesty with
humans. You authorize us to love and to provide for creation and for ourselves. Instead, we
have broken the divine covenant, abused creation, and neglected our divine relationship. We
have disobeyed your divine order and created our own perverted law; polluted and defaced your
divine image of the land, air, and sea to reflect our own selfish portrait. We have rejected your
divine image in our brothers and sisters who are different simply to glorify our own pride and
arrogance. Through it all you have suffered with patience and forgiveness. Great is your
faithfulness to restore glory and honor to the one created in your image; and to free us to hope
for your sovereign kingdom on earth and in heaven. Let us intimately bless and glorify our God.
In the name of the Creator and Sustainer of all life we praise your Holy name. Amen.

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