

## DIVING INTO THE DEEP

# Alphabet acrostics in the spirit of Psalm 25

*Editor's note: Psalm 25, in the hymnal/poetry collection we know as the Book of Psalms, is written in the form of an acrostic. Each line of the psalm begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet, perhaps to make it easier to remember the poem/prayer.*

*Two NCNC churches, United UCC, Petaluma and Foothills UCC, Los Altos, wrote their own Psalm 25 of praise this Lent. Try it out yourselves! P.S.: I use this exercise as a meditation in the middle of the night: Alphabet acrostics for towns, rivers, Bible characters, family members, movies. It's a great spiritual discipline!*

## From awesome to zebra...

By the children of United UCC, Petaluma

God is...

Amazing, A creator, Awesome, Always available

Bold, Beautiful, Bountiful

Caring, Creative, Comforting

Devoted, Daring, Devious (God works in strange ways)

Everywhere, Eventful, Exciting, Eternal

Friend, Faithful, Father, Forgiving

Gregarious, Great, Giving,

Hallowed, Helping, Holy, Helpful

Inspiring, Interesting, Incredible

Joyful, Judicious

Kind, Kaleidoscopic

Loving

Magnanimous, Magnificent, Majestic Maker

Nice, Nurturing

Open-hearted, Omnipotent

Patient, Peace Loving, Praiseworthy

Questioning, Quintessential, Quiet, Questionable

Redeemer, Rock, Righteous

Sustaining, Spirit, Strong, Spacious

Thoughtful, Tranquil, Tolerant, Tender

Uniting, Unyielding, Understanding, Unfailing

Vitalizing, Valued, Victorious

Wonderful, With love, Wondrous

Xtraordinary, Excellent

Your father, Yielding, You and me, Yearning

Zealous, Zebra maker, Zipper to heaven!

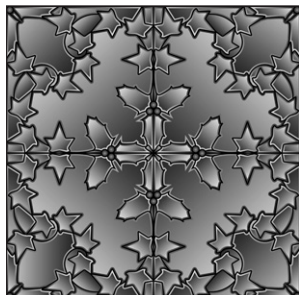


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## From amazing to zenith

By the adult Bible study group of Foothills UCC, Los Altos

God is...

Amazing, all encompassing God we adore you.

Blessed are we to be mindful of your beauty and your

Caring for your creation.

Divine presence dance in our hearts

Energize our lives with the eternal truths that we may have

Faith in your fantastic promises.

Grant us grace and a grand vision of

Hope

Imaginative

Joy in a

Kin-ship of

Love.

Make us mindful of the majesty of life

Never forsaking the natural or numinous

Order, open to experience

Pulsing with life-force

Questing for fulfillment

Resolute in

Seeking your Spirit.

Teach us the gifts of love and fear, and help us to

Understand the

Very ground on which we

Wonder and wander toward wisdom and wholeness.

X-out all that gets in the way of experiencing

You, the

Zenith of our aspirations.



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## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Please hold in your prayers, and share these prayer concerns with your congregation:

- All those unemployed and underemployed.
- Churches struggling with finances and staff issues.
- Victims of violence and hatred around the world.
- Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered in the Prop. 8 limbo nightmare.
- UCCers around the country preparing for General Synod late June in Grand Rapids.
- Travelers and all those saints and angels we meet along the road.
- Graduates facing new challenges.
- Summer campers and counselors.
- The one world ocean and all who live in and depend on it.
- World leaders: political, religious, military, educational, cultural, environmental.
- Your NCNC staff, those based in Hayward and those in the associations, all serving the Conference. Also your staff that creates The Pacific.
- Our hands and hearts, serving the Body of Christ.