

Meditations and Amplifications on The Prologue The Gospel of John

To open a more personal, image-filled, intuitive prayer that still partakes of the essence of The Prologue, substitute some different words/qualities in all the places that “*the Word*” appears in the original text. I think you will discover, as I have, that all of these altered versions are true to the spirit and meaning of John’s Prologue. As you slowly read, contemplate or pray each one, be attentive to all the tiny cues that the body and the soul give you. Which of the images best speaks to your heart? Which best helps you capture a sense of Union, Oneness and the Great Mystery we name as God?

Some of the images you might try:

The Christ
Wisdom
Love
Compassion

In the beginning was _____, and _____ was with God, and _____ was God. _____ was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through _____, and without _____ not one thing came into being. What has come into being in _____ was life, and the life was the light of all people, of all creation. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

_____ was in the world, and the world came into being through _____; yet the world did not know _____. _____ came to what was _____’s own, and _____’s own people did not accept _____. But to all who received _____, who believed in _____’s name, _____ gave power to become sons and daughters of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man and woman, but of God.

And _____ became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen _____’s glory, the glory as of the Creator’s only son, only daughter, full of grace and truth. From _____’s fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus the Christ. No one has ever seen God, the Creator. It is God—the only Child—_____—who is close to the Creator’s heart, who has made the Creator known.

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