

Created in God's Image

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Reader: Proverbs 31:30-31—"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the gates."

Response: Lord, in your image you have created us.

Readers: We are women created by God, created in the image of God
and reflecting God's love—created to love as he loved.

Response: Lord, in your image you have formed us.

Readers: We are women created to praise God.
To sing songs of praise in voice, feeble or great.
To speak—loudly against evil, softly to children.
To comfort the sick—to preach a sermon.

Response: Lord, in your image you have created us.

Readers: We are women with many gifts and faces—
Gifts to write words of wisdom. Of instruction.
Of encouragement and caring.
Gifts to nurture a child—or to carry a portfolio.
To conduct a choir—or to conduct a business.
Tellers of stories—tellers in banks.

Response: Lord, in your image you have formed us.

Readers: We are women with dreams and visions.
We are women with faith—faith in ourselves and in the future
because we have faith in God.

Response: Lord, in your image you have created us.

Readers: We are women created in your image, O God.
May our praise never falter as we use the many gifts you have given us.
For your love never fails.

Response: Lord, in your image you have formed us.