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## O God of the Universe

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**O God of the Universe, you continually astound us with the wonders of creation.**

As we learn more about the vastness of the universe, that there are billions of galaxies and millions of planets and stars in our Milky Way galaxy, we realize how blessed we are that Jesus chose to become human on our Earth. Jesus' love for humankind is boundless and extravagant and he wants us to share that love with the stranger, the immigrant, the homeless, the imprisoned, the hurting and the destitute. God calls us to inclusive love with no strings attached. This is a daily choice and challenge as we remember this time when love took on flesh in our world.

-- Sr. Barbara Ann Mayer

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