Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination:
Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
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Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 

James 1:17 (NIV)

ONE: Creator God, you entrust and enable our own creative abilities as we allow your spirit to work through our imaginations, deep thinking, acquired knowledge, and inspiration—energized and realized by our eyes and hands. We thank you for the ever-giving, ever-sustaining beauty of this world and for the knowledge that there are billions of cells in our bodies and each one of them stores the secret of life in its DNA.

MANY: May these gifts be for God’s glory.

ONE: We celebrate that by scientists’ use of technology, we know about cells, tissues, and organs and how changes in the gene affect our lives.

MANY: May this knowledge be for God’s glory.

ONE: We celebrate that bioengineers are creating a new and exciting medical technology that will use virtual reality to help surgeons reconstruct facial birth defects.

MANY: May these techniques be for God’s glory.

ONE: We are in awe that the minds of mathematicians are energized to solve problems that bless our homes, our communities, our world.

MANY: May this knowledge be for God’s glory.

ONE: We celebrate the wonder of God making women and men co-creators in this world, freeing minds and imaginations to create and achieve mind-boggling advances. May we use these gifts of creativity for your glory, God.

MANY: For the wisdom and knowledge you bestowed upon women and men who serve as scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians, who faithfully work at revealing the secrets of your awesome creation, we give you the most excellent thanks.

ONE: God, enable us to support women in science, technology, engineering, and math. Thank you for their examples and for the irreplaceable roles they play in our lives.

MANY: AMEN.

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The Gift of Possibilities

ONE: Thank you, God, for the gift of possibilities.

MANY: Thank you for the gifts of intellect, curiosity, knowledge and innovation. You, God, make all things new.

ONE: We celebrate persons like Edneta Conner and her love for mathematics; her fascination with numbers, processes and solving problems.

MANY: Thank you for the many ways we learn to make life better for others.

ONE: We celebrate persons like Chandra Y. Austin, and her love for technology. Inspired by a teacher who opened up new worlds for her, she also opens up new worlds for others through teaching.

MANY: Thank you for helping us to appreciate the world around us.

ONE: We celebrate scientists whose discoveries help us understand how things work, unlock the mysteries of life, including developing new medicines and curing diseases.

MANY: Thank you for the gift of imagination.

ONE: We celebrate engineers who see with their mind’s eye and make the invisible visible.

ALL: For all the gifts you give and how we, through your grace, bring beautiful things to life. Our God is greatly to be praised!

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WORSHIP LEADER: Please use this opportunity to lift up names of women in your community or congregation who have careers in mathematics, technology, engineering or science.
STEM Prayer

Lord Jesus, in prayer we lift up the industries of science, engineering, technology and mathematics and all the people who work in these fields. Those working in these industries work in fields that reflect your very nature: from the administrative assistant keeping the office or finances in order, to the scientist in the lab, to the repair person who maintains the equipment.

You were the original creator of this complex and beautiful world, and you provide healing and restoring solution to problems. We are following in your footsteps. You gave us the raw materials for discovery, and you gifted us with the skill to make scientific and technological advances that contribute to the betterment of humanity.

We pray that those working in these fields would connect their work with your desire for your Kingdom to grow. May their work serve others and bring redemption - not lead to the destruction that sometimes comes with so-called “advances” in society. Guide us to find more and better ways to use technology and discovery to connect, guide, heal, and help people. Grant solutions to problems for which we still have no answers.

Encourage those in these fields when a solution they have been working toward does not work. Sustain them when work becomes tedious. Inspire them when there does not seem to be a way through a complex problem. Help them to respond with love when faced with frustrated and demanding clients, bosses, and coworkers. Guide them to make ethical decisions when confronted with unbridled possibilities.

Lord, we pray that those who have multiplied your wonders by use of their skills will not fall in love with their own glory, not compromise your values or misrepresent your truths. Let them seek advancement and progress not for riches but for your glory. Forgive them for lacking humility. Save them from making knowledge and discovery an idol. Let their growing knowledge grow their knowledge of YOU, pointing them and those around them to their need of salvation, and resulting in viewing their coworkers, neighbors and society with compassion. Focus their hearts on you, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Lord, we have all benefited from the discovery, inventiveness, and creativity of science, engineering and technology. Inspire us all by the vision of a better future that is revealed by the very nature of their work. Let these industries fill us with hope and joy because they remind us of your promise that one day this world will be made perfect. Remind us that our earthly lives have great significance in your Kingdom.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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