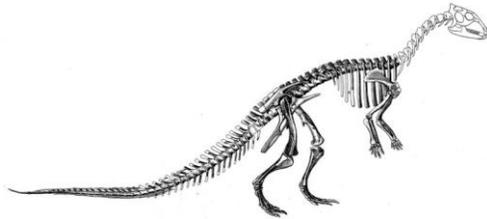


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The same Creator who made the dinosaur's heart is able to heal our hearts when they are broken by sorrow. It is He Who heals our broken hearts through the forgiveness of sins that is found in Jesus Christ.

**Prayer:** Thank You, dear Father, for bringing Your power into my life. Amen.

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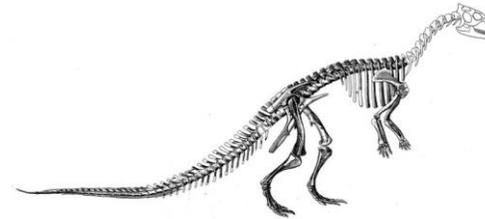
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