

A New Creation



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Call to Worship

God our Creator calls us,
to be here together in community,
and as community
be part of a new creation.

Let us celebrate the One
who creates and recreates us
in God's own image:

let us worship God.

Prayers

Loving God,
you made the cosmos and all that is in it
and said that it was good;
but this goodness includes us
and we do not always behave in that way
nor acknowledge in our behaviours
that it is all a gift from you.

When we treat nature as expendable,
and as something to use and abuse:

**God, our Creator,
forgive us.**

When we see the "new creation"
as a replacement
and a reason to burn through the old:

**God, our Creator,
forgive us.**

When we fail to hear your call
to care for your creation,
whether this call is through the voices of your church
or the scientists who have studied deeply:

**God, our Creator,
forgive us.**

When we get caught up in our wants today
and fail to think about how what we do
affects the people and animals of tomorrow:

**God, our Creator,
forgive us.**

When our love is only for those like us,
and we forget about different people,
or different species,

**God, our Creator,
forgive us.**

Teach us again, O God,
to live out your hope for our world,
and to be the loving difference
you would want to see in our land.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

God keeps creating,
and recreating –
recreating us to be
in God's own image.

And so, God forgives
and helps you start again:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

God of the cosmos,
as we reflect on the needs of our world,
we pray for people, animals, and places
that need to experience your new creation,
and especially at this time
need to experience your love
in tangible ways.

We see people who are hurting,
because they live in a war zone
and the international community is too afraid to help;
we see people whose governments
systematically remove their rights
and treat them as nothing –

**for all these we pray,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

We see people who are looked down upon
because of their different abilities,
their different coloured skin,
or their interests are not valued by society;
we see people who are not valued
simply because of who they are,
and their gender or sexuality means
they are not considered equal –

**for all these we pray,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

We see plants and animals
on the verge of extinction
and digging up the land
or burning fossil fuels
are considered more important than their future;
we see young people
anxious about what their future will bring
because of the impact
of climate change and loss of habitats –

**for all these we pray,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

We see people
who have dedicated their lives
to learning about your creation
and how we best preserve it
so that future generations may have hope –
**for all these we pray,
your kingdom come, your will be done.
Amen.**

Benediction & Blessing

God, our Creator, called us here,
invited in to be fed and nurtured.

Now we are sent out
to be a blessing
and feed and nurture
all of God's creation
until God's reign comes on earth
and the new creation is experienced by all.

So go out with the blessing
of God, the Creator,
Christ, the redeemer,
and the Spirit who sustains us and all life.

Sung blessing 780

May light come into your eyes,
may hope spring up in your heart,
may peace guide all of your mind
and keep you in God,
and keep you in God.