

A future for creation



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Call to Worship

God, our creator, gave us this earth
and all its beauty to enjoy.

The ancients told of a creation
about which God said "It is good."

Others spoke of creation being like a garden
where all good things grow.

This is Sustainable September
when we focus on God's creation,
we give thanks for its gifts to us
and mourn the times we have failed to care for it.
Let us come, acknowledging all God gives us,
let us praise the one who called creation good:
let us worship God.

Prayers

Creator God,
as we look at the beauty of your creation
and give you thanks for the gifts you have given us,
we also come aware of the times
when we have abused or damaged
your beloved world.

When we have failed to care for creation,
and so have lost the beauty of plants and animals
that have become extinct from our own actions,
God of hope, forgive us.

When we have thought more about ourselves
than for the needs of future generations
or have only thought about them
in limited ways,
God of hope, forgive us.

When we look at the world
and only think of the impact of our actions
on other people,
and forget about others who share our creation,
God of hope, forgive us.

When we fail to heed the words of scientists,
who are your modern-day prophets
calling us to repentance
about the way we treat your world,
God of hope, forgive us.

Help us to start afresh
so that our children and grandchildren
may have hope for a future
and a world where all your creation
experience a fullness of life.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's love and mercy is for all,
when we change our heart
and ask God to help us change our ways,
God is there to help us.

Know that you are forgiven:
thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Creator God,
Holy Friend of our world,
as we give thanks for the gifts of creation
we also pray for its needs and hurts,
and for humanity to do better
in caring for your world
for the sake of our children
and the sake of all creation.

We pray for animals threatened with extinction
from poaching,
climate change,
destruction of environment,
or hunting and fishing.

We pray for the plants
that give us fresh air,
cool the hot winds,
and make our environments
a more pleasant place to live.

We pray for those plants and animals
that seem too insignificant
or too ugly
for us to remember in our prayers,
the algae that give us oxygen,
the snakes that keep ecosystems balanced,
and the mosquitos, that we aren't quite sure
how they might be of benefit to anyone.

We pray for the scientists
who focus their enquiring minds on creation,
how we can care for it,
and what we can learn
so that it continues to thrive,
we pray their prophetic voices will be heard
as they call humanity into better relationship
with the plants and animals
affected by our actions.

We pray for the decision makers
and all who have the power
to change the way we use
the gifts of our earth;
we pray for wisdom to listen
and courage to choose
the difficult path to work for a better future.

Although it is hard,
we pray for the people
who for whatever reason
do not want to take the action needed
to care for our beautiful earth –
for those who fail to listen to scientific consensus,
those who are too invested in the status quo,
those who fear change,
or the thousands of other reasons
they turn a deaf ear to the cry of creation.

We pray for ourselves,
that may be part of the solution,
and we may hear your call
so all your creation may live with hope.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

**For these gifts of the earth, Creator God,
made special to us through your blessing,
we give you thanks
and pray that you will strengthen us
to be your people in our context,
caring for the creation
that relies on our compassion.**

**As we reflect on the small portions
that we have consumed,
teach us to go away hungry –
hungry for justice,
hungry for hope,
hungry for a world in which all may live in peace.**

**Strengthen us through Christ the Human One
to be bearers of your love
to all your world.
Amen.**

Benediction & Blessing

Worship is not the only time we encounter God,
so go out prepared to see God in your daily life,
go out knowing that Creation sings with you
and cries out for justice,
go out to be part of God's solution
in our troubled world.

And go knowing the blessing of our Creator God
who loves you deeply beyond our imagining,
go knowing that Christ the Human One
companions you through your struggles,
and go knowing the inspiration of the Spirit
in every day of your life.
Amen.