

THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA



RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

*Authorized for use in the
Diocese of Niagara
for appropriate liturgical provision
related to Climate Justice
including the Season of Creation.*

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ANNUAL DAYS AND DATES

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and is intended to highlight key features of the year which relate or may relate to environmental justice.

January Fixed Dates

5th National Bird Day

January Moveable

Plow Monday first Monday after Epiphany , the blessing of plows and tools in preparation for spring planting

February Fixed Dates

1st Feast of St. Brigit

2nd World Wetlands Day

27th World Polar Bear Day

February Moveable

Mardi Gras

March Fixed Dates

3rd World Wildlife Day

14th International Day of Action for Rivers

18th Global Recycling Day

21st International Day of Forests

Vernal Equinox – (marking the beginning of spring)

22nd World Water Day

March Moveable

World Day of Prayer

Ash Wednesday

April Fixed Dates

6th North Pole Day – celebration of Arctic and Antarctic wilderness

7th World health day

14th National Dolphin Day – remembering all sea creatures

22nd International Earth Day – first observed April 22nd, 1970

April Moveable

Cherry Blossom Festival

Earth Sunday in Niagara (Climate Justice Sunday since 2021). Closest Sunday to Earth Day.

May Fixed Dates

1 st	May Festival – halfway between Spring equinox and summer solstice.
3 rd	Sun Day – proclaimed by Carter administration to focus attention on potential solar energy
17 th	Bike to Work Day
17 th	Endangered Species Day
22 nd	International Day for Biological Diversity
23 rd	World Turtle Day

May Moveable

International Mother's Day – commemoration of Mother Earth and all mothers of the Earth

June Fixed Dates

5 th	World Environment Day – established by UN 1972 to reaffirm worldwide need to care for the environment
8 th	World Oceans Day
17 th	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
22 nd	World Rainforest Day
22 nd	Summer Solstice.
24 th	St. John the Baptist feast – welcome the summer

June Moveable

National Indigenous Heritage Month

Environmental Sabbath – Sunday nearest World Environment Day

July Fixed Dates

5 th	Earth Aphelion – day earth is farthest from the sun
11 th	World Population Day

July Moveable

Plastic Free July

Native American Sundance Festival

August Fixed Dates

7 th	Anniversary of the first photograph of Earth from Space
9 th	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

August Moveable

16 th	UN International Day of Peace
22 nd	Autumnal Equinox

September Fixed Dates

Season of Creation	1 st September-4 th October
16 th	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
19 th	World Clean Up Day
21 st	Zero Emissions Day
29 th	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

September Moveable

World Rivers Day	Last Sunday of September
Labour Day	celebration of the end of summer

October Fixed Dates

4 th	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – patron saint of ecology/animal blessing day
4 th	World Animal Day
7 th	World Habitat Day
16 th	World Food Day
24 th	United Nations International Day of Climate Action.

October Moveable

Thanksgiving	
Sukkot – celebration of gathering of summer crops	
International Rainforest Week – 2 nd or 3 rd week	
Waste Reduction Week	Third Week of October

November Fixed Dates

5 th	World Community Day
11 th	Martinmas (End of harvest, beginning of winter)
11 th	Remembrance Day

November Moveable

American Thanksgiving – 4 th Thursday, a day to honour Native Americans and the nourishment of the earth

December Fixed Dates

5 th	World Soil Day
7 th	St. Ambrose– Patron Saint of domestic animals
10 th	International Human Rights Day
21 st	Winter Solstice – longest night
22 nd	International Arbor Day – devoted to encouraging winter tree planting

December Moveable (NA)

COLLECTS and GATHERING RESPONSES

God of life

Through whom all beauty and wonder come into being:

We thank you for this Earth, our home,
for the diversity of creation,
and the blessings of earth, air and water

Grant us your grace that we may
exercise wise stewardship of this Earth,
tread lightly upon it
and cherish its resources.

Help us to move towards behaviors that are environmentally healthy,
to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and our wasteful practices,
to act now for the good of future generations and all of life.

Give us the will and courage to simplify the way we live;
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.

As climate change confronts us
may we commit to the changes that need to be made.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation
Founded on the covenant of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour

Amen

from Climate Justice Niagara

One Creator of the fruitful earth,
You made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
And steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
That the whole human family,
Today and in generations to come,
May with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*From the Book of Alternative Services, p.396
Rogation and Harvest Thanksgiving*

One God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us
to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569

One Holy God, gracious and merciful,
You bring forth food from the earth
And nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
So that all may know your care;
And prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Anglican Church of Canada, Alternative Collects

One The heavens declare the glory of God.
All The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
One The plants and tress show God's presence.
All Let us join with creation in praising God.

One God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season
All we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.

One Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives
That we may honour you among all people and nations,
**All create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures,
And work for the healing of this world that you created.**

One Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys
So that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.
**All We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,
Three in One, One in three, now and forever. Amen.**

From PWRDF, Season of Creation, 2021

One Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation;
increase in all true unity;
nourish the world with all goodness;
and bring forth the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

From New Creation Liturgies, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

One Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation,
so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

From New Creation Liturgies, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

One O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness
we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

From New Creation Liturgies, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

One We gather in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
of the Earth and all creatures! Amen.

**All Praise be to the Holy Trinity!
God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe,
Source of all life, whom the angels sing;
wondrous Light of all mysteries
known or unknown to humankind,
and life that lives in all.**

*From Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2022,
after Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century*

One We gather in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth
and all creatures!
Greetings in the name of God who is good:
All whose love endures forever.

One Greetings to you, sun and moon,
you stars of the southern sky.
All We give to God our thanks and praise.

One Sunrise and sunset, night and day,
All we give to God our thanks and praise.
adapted from Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century

One Just ask the animals,
All and they will teach you...

One birds in the sky,
All and they will tell you;

One speak to the Earth,
All they will instruct you,

One let the fish in the sea inform you.
And look to all the trees, for:
**All Which of all these does not know
that to God belong wisdom and power.**

*From 'A Creation Inclusive Liturgy for Holy Communion'
Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

One Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.
All We praise God for the wondrous Creation.

One Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice
and righteousness.
All We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.

One Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce
the firstfruits of hope.
All We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.

One Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of
the Creator,
All Who created in love.
One We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

All Who reconciles all of Creation.

One We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

All Who inspires new life and instills hope.

*From the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox
Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023*

One Spirit of God,
You swept through the darkness over the waters at creation
and are the breath of life that gives us voice;
come now and renew the face of the earth,
teach us again our part in the great song of creation,
and restore harmony to our relationships;
this we pray to you who, with the Father and the Son, are one God,
now and forever. Amen.

By The Reverend Andrew Rampton, Diocese of Niagara

One God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From the New Zealand and Aotearoa Prayer Book

One Creating God,
your name is written on every leaf, every bird,
every river, every stone, every living being.
We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation.
Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work
for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

From the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada

One Gracious God,
you reveal your goodness in the beauty and diversity of creation;
in the circle dance of earth and air and water;
and above all in the gift of Jesus Christ,
who emptied himself to serve your world.
And so we offer thanks and praise to you,
one God in three persons: the Author and Source of all,
Christ the Incarnate Word, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

From 'Honouring God in Creation' The Episcopal Church

One Lord of the lost ones
You come to our broken world
and call us your own.
May our tables be graced
by your presence as guest
and our possessions freed
to serve the poor;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

from 'Prayers for an Inclusive Church' by Steven Shakespeare

PRAYERS

Form 1

One Let us pray to God,
that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

One You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for the creation
and in harmony with one another.
Father, Lord of creation,

All in your mercy, hear us.

One You have given the human race a rich land,
a land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley,
vines and oil and honey.
We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow.
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,
that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.
Father, Lord of creation,

All in your mercy, hear us.

One In Christ you call us to a new way of life,
loving our neighbours before ourselves.
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is
as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be
when your kingdom comes and your will is done.
Thank you for those, living and departed,
who have shown a true respect for your creation ...
Help us to follow in their footsteps,
until, with them, we see you face to face,
where all is made new in Christ our Lord.
Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

from New Patterns for Worship © The Archbishops' Council 2002.

Form 2

One Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider
this is what you want us to learn
not the world's wisdom, but God's
and so we pray:
awaken us to our need of you in our lives

All And you will give us your life

One Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

All And you will make us strong through our tears

One Give us the humility to admit our failures

All And you will bring treasure out of them

One Make us hungry for justice
as we work to eradicate hunger for all

All And you will give us food that lasts

One Help us to see others through your eyes
that our vision will again and again be yours

All And you will show us ourselves with love

Specific petitions and celebrations are offered at this time

One Show us how to practice what we preach

All And we will see good, and God in everyone

One Support us in standing firm for truth and justice, even when it costs

All And the truth will also make us free.

Amen, and Amen

*From The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and resources for worship;
Edited by Kathy Galloway; The Iona Community*

Form 3

One Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made.
Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected
to everything that is. *Silence*
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God.

One God whom we love, we stand before you with open and humble hearts.
In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel
the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us -
Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans,
Forest, meadows, trees, flowers. *Silence*
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God.

One God of love, show us our place in this world,
as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth.
They came forth from your hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
and not one of them is forgotten in your sight. *Silence*
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God.

One Saving God, we give thanks for all human beings on the earth,
Created from dust, yet crowned with glory,
Those we know and those who are strangers;
Those near to us and those far away; all of us beautiful, all of us flawed. *Silence*
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God.

One God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air,
On which our lives depend moment by moment.
In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete dependence
On our beloved Mother Earth who nurtures us and sustains our every breath. *Silence*
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God

One Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth,
Yet, we acknowledge that we in the developed world,
have often wasted the gifts of the earth, taking more than our share,
leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and need.
Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth, so that her richness and bounty will
sustain, not only us, but generations to come after us.
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

All We give you thanks, O God.

Written by Karen Turner for the Diocese of Toronto, Earth Sunday 2018

A Seasonal Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From the 'Season of Creation 2024 Ecumenical International Resource

Intercessory Prayers: "To hope and act with Creation"

One God of the land, the sea, the sky:
Creator of all that is seen and unseen.
Open our hearts to the rhythm of Creation in the swells of the ocean, the movements of air and wind, the breath of all living things.
Open our eyes to the fragile beauty of the biodiversity of which we are a part.
Open our ears to the sounds of life around us.
Open our minds to the awareness of our deep relationship with all your Creation.
Creator God:

All May we hope and act with Creation.

One God of Light, Life and Love:
Help us to seek and find your presence in all Creation.
Help us to understand the roots of the ecological crisis and give us the wisdom to live resiliently in harmony with your Creation.
Keep us firm in the faith that the gift of life in all its fullness is for all Creation.
Help us to maintain hope that your reign of love is manifested in our common love for you, for ourselves, and for our neighbour - both human and non-human.
Creator God:

All May we hope and act with Creation.

One God of truth and justice:
Fill us with your spirit of compassion so we may live and act with and in solidarity with Creation.
Guide us in paths of righteousness that help us to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea.
Give us wisdom and courage to recognise our role in the evil of systemic exploitation and extraction and to speak truth to power.
Give us strength of heart and arm to be agents of the ecological conversion the world so desperately needs.
Creator God:

All May we hope and act with Creation. Amen.

Rev. James Bagwan, Pacific Conference of Churches

From the 'Season of Creation 2024 Ecumenical International Resource

CONFESSIONS and KYRIES

One Eternal God, the whole world is full of your glory.
We bear forth the anguish of Creation in the time of the climate crisis to you.
In your grace, grant us the opportunity to do good, as your created co-creators.
Lord have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

One Jesus Christ, you have walked the Earth and lived in our midst.
Make us sensitive to the suffering of humankind and the entire creation.
Strengthen us in our endeavors to create a life of dignity,
in justice, and solidarity with those who live and will live.
Christ have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

One Holy Spirit, power of courage and self-control, you speak to our consciences.
Comfort us when we suffer and are plagued by anxiety.
Make us worry when we are numb in the calmness of complacency.
Re-create us to become what we are: one humanity under the same sky.
Lord have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

*Adapted from "Prayer for the Climate" from the "Bishops' Letter for the
Climate" of the Church of Sweden
From the 'Season of Creation 2024 Ecumenical International Resource*

A Litany of Lament and repentance

Three candles are lit to represent the voices of Indigenous people, women and biodiversity

God of our vibrant world,

You have given humans the responsibility to care for each other. Indigenous people have historical, spiritual, and personal ties to these lands on which we inhabit. But many of us have failed to recognise the presence of God in these traditions, and their voices have been silenced. We are thankful to Indigenous Nations for their continuing care and presence on the Earth. We all value the resilience and strength shown through the generations and today.

We turn to the Spirit who dismantles borders
and celebrates life giving community.

Help us make a place where everyone is welcome and we acknowledge your grace at work in the ways of one another. Together, may we learn the spiritual richness of our relationships in the web of life.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O God of the whole of creation.

You have created land and trees, animals and all living creatures on the earth. We are destroying the forests through poisons and logging, the voices of the birds, insects and forest dwellers are silenced

You created the wonders of the ocean, the fish, shells, reefs, whales, waves, corals. The oceans are warming and as they drown in plastic, their voices are being stilled.

We turn to you in sorrow and repentance.

Please help us to care for the oceans, the land and the forest, and to recognise that it is your blessing for us.

Creation is speaking to us, but their voices have been silenced by the roar of our greed

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Mothering Earth, our Sister, you sustain and govern us. We have silenced the voices of your people, especially the voices of women - protectors of the Earth who have been killed by land grabbers, mining companies and oil companies. Many are the voices of our sisters who have been silenced by flooding, hurricanes and drought as the earth's warming brings destruction. May we listen to the voices of our mothers and sisters and learn to treasure and protect the web of life.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We turn to you in sorrow and repentance.

Please, Creator God, forgive us for the human activities which have overpowered the weather and caused destruction of our environment.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

A time of silence is kept as people go forward to extinguish candles in memory of communities that are being wiped out by environmental degradation and creatures that are becoming extinct. For the voices of women, indigenous people and creation that have been silenced.

(Adapted from a Prayer of Lament written by members of the four Religious Orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Melanesian Brotherhood, Society of St Francis, Community of the Sisters of the Church, Community of the Sisters of Melanesia)

A Confession and Absolution

One All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God.
Trusting in God's mercy and grace,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

**All Generous God,
you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation.
Forgive us for turning away from you
and for neglecting the earth.
Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation
that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us;
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

One Hear and receive this good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ.
Today, salvation comes to you and the land beneath your feet.
Know that you/we are forgiven and are free to live in peace
with one another and with the earth. Amen

From PWRDF, Season of Creation, 2021

A Confession

One Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

One We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.
God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

One We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

One We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

One We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

One We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

*From "Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the
Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, Church of England*

Prayers of Confession

Grieved God, we are ashamed. We confess that we have not loved the way this world deserves. We have exploited land and sea, allowing our own filth to colonize the deepest beauties of the world. As we contented with all the ways we've perverted the glory of the world, for give us. Have mercy on us all our heartlessness that we would be filled again with the fullness of your humanity. **Amen**

God who sends thunder and lightening, seek to obliterate every system that threatens the dignity and shalom of the cosmos. With heads bowed, in humility toward all you have done to protect every living thing, your mercy is available after all we've made of this precious sacred world. **Amen**

In all our greed, our deceit, our apathy our moral deficiencies, may the divine forgive us, and work so that that every justice would at least be made right. Let our souls receive this rest. **Amen**

*Adopted from Cole Arthur Riley: This Here Flesh
Convergent Books New York 2023*

A Confession

One Holy and merciful God,

**All we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

From New Creation Liturgies, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

A Confession

One Merciful and sustaining God,

All we have sinned against you.

**We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:
make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

From New Creation Liturgies, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

One Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,

All we confess to you that we have sinned.

**We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful
of the resources you entrusted to us.**

**Polluted air and water,
eroded soil and salty earth,
birds and animals deprived of habitat,
and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:
all these cry out against us.**

**We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,
and we repent in sorrow and distress.**

Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy.

**Give us grace to change our ways,
to make amends,
and to work together for the healing of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

One Our Saviour died and rose again so that for all who live in him there is a new creation.
Therefore it is declared to us: our sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

All Send out your Spirit, O God.

Renew the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of the earth.

From The Anglican Church of Australia

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Prayers over the Gifts

One Source of all life,
The heaven and earth are yours,
Yet you have dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
Which we offer you this day,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*From the Book of Alternative Services, p.397
Rogation and Harvest Thanksgiving*

OR

One Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
It will become for us our spiritual food

All Blessed be God forever.

One Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
Through your good news we have this bread to offer,
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

OR

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Church of England, 'Times & Seasons', Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

OR

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

Church of England, 'Times & Seasons', Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Recommended Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer 5 (*Book of Alternative Services, Anglican Church of Canada*)

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,

you bring healing to our world

and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you

on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry.

He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them,

saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,

gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 4 (*Book of Alternative Services, Anglican Church of Canada*)

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

One Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (*Anglican Church of Canada*)

One The Lord be with you.
(or May God be with you.)

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord. (or We lift them up to God.)

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
(or Let us give thanks to God our Creator.)

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(or It is right to offer thanks and praise.)**

One Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us a
nd place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.
Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path
from brokenness to health, from fear to trust,
from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

One Breathe your Holy Spirit,
 the wisdom of the universe,
 upon these gifts that we bring to you:
 this bread, this cup,
 ourselves, our souls and bodies,
 that we may be signs of your love for all the world
 and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 (*Anglican Church of Canada*)

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.
Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a
servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.
On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

**All Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

One Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to
whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday preface with prayer VI

One The Lord be with you

All And also with you

One Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

One Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages,
the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news
in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us
the great and promised feast.

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

One Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive your inheritance
with all your saints in light.

All Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

One Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions
of our great high priest until
he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday preface with prayer VII

One The Lord be with you

All And also with you

One Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

One Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
You we praise and glorify,
You we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire
for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
Might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me'

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying;
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One with this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when,
with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

One Holy God, holy and merciful,
holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree,
sharing your bounty with all the world.

All Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

One Holy and benevolent God receive our praise and petitions,
As Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honour is yours,
O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (G, Common Worship, Church of England)

One The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

One Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

One Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he gave you thanks. †
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, †
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayers After Communion

One God of our hope,
In this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries
May we, with our lives,
Give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*From the Book of Alternative Services, p.396
Rogation and Harvest Thanksgiving*

One God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. **Amen.**

From The Church of Scotland

One Creator God, you set the tree of life at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church;
grant that we who have been nourished at this table
may ever strive to work for the good of all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

One Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

*From The Episcopal Church, The Season of Creation,
A Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2023.*

BLESSINGS and DISMISSALS

BLESSING

One God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All Amen

One God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All Amen

One God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace

All Amen

One and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

*From "Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the
Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, Church of England*

BLESSING

One God bless you with discomfort,
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
so that you may live deep within your heart.

God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
to shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain to joy.

And God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can
make a difference in the world, so that you can do
what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor.

A Franciscan blessing by Sister Ruth Marlene Fox

Dismissal Form 1

One May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,

**All Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures,
That reflect God's glory in creation.**

(adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme)

Dismissal Form 2

One Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*From "Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the
Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, Church of England*

Tree Planting Liturgy & Prayers

From the Anglican Communion Forest

The Communion Forest is a global initiative comprising local activities of tree growing and ecosystem conservation, protection and restoration undertaken by parishes, dioceses and provinces across the Anglican Communion. The Communion Forest is a sign of the Anglican Communion's shared commitment to the Anglican Fifth Mark of Mission: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. The Communion Forest is a practical, spiritual and symbolic response to the environmental crisis, and an act of Christian hope for the well-being of humanity and all God's creation. We invite you to use this short liturgy when planting trees, as we join together in growing the Anglican Communion Forest around the world.

Prayer of Preparation

One O Lord, open our lips.
All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One Blessed are you, Lord God,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word calls all things into being,
and the light of dawn awakens us to life.
May your wisdom guide us this day
that we may cherish and care for your good creation,
o all may flourish together,
and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips,
praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We pause in silence to reflect on the beauty of God's creation around us.

Psalm 104

Verses of the psalm may be read in different languages.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
You make darkness that it may be night, ♦
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
The lions roar for their prey ♦
and seek their food from God.
The sun rises and they are gone ♦
to lay themselves down in their dens.
People go forth to their work ♦
and to their labour until the evening.
O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you ♦
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
you open your hand and they are filled with good things.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Planting of a Tree

The place in the soil is prepared

One And the Lord God planted a garden. The
 Lord God took the man and put him in the
 garden of Eden to till it and keep it. *Genesis 2.8,15*

(Each scripture reading may be repeated in another language)

One Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
All for his steadfast love endures for ever.

The tree is placed in the soil

One For everything there is a season, and a time
 for every matter under heaven: a time to be
 born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a
 time to pluck up what is planted. *Ecclesiastes 3.1-2*

 God spread out the earth on the waters,
All for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Earthing-in with soil

One Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth
 vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit
 trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with
 the seed in it.' And it was so. *Genesis 1.11*

 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
All for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Watering

One I will give you your rains in their season, and the
 land shall yield its produce, and the trees of
 the field shall yield their fruit. *Leviticus 26.4*

 Give thanks to him who formed all things,
All for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Growing

One And the leaves of the tree are for the healing
of the nations. *Revelation 22.2*

God alone does great wonders,

All for his steadfast love endures for ever. Amen.

Collect

One Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image.
Give us grace to wonder at your gift,
to treasure the earth
and to work for its protection and renewal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers

Prayer Station 1

Please pray for God's world, our planet

Prayer 1

One Creator God, we thank and praise you for giving
us the opportunity to be co-creators with you
and to ensure the sustainability of Mother
Earth," our meeting place with God.
God as a community of Father, Son and Holy
Spirit teach us as the Anglican community to
work together for mutual respect with one
another and your creation. We repent for our
negligence leading the earth to be in peril
from loss of habitats and species. Help us to
be caretakers of your gifts, protecting the land
from abuse, and ready to share with all in need.
Amen.

The Late Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya, Swaziland, Southern Africa (RIP)

Prayer 2

One Breath of Life, from whom all order was created,
the whole of creation bears witness to you.
Teach us to respect all creatures, increase our
gratitude for your loving providence. Forgive
us for our insensitivity and carelessness with

the environment. Instigate us to fight for socio-environmental preservation and for the end of the climate crisis, taking care and working for the preservation of species and the maintenance of life on earth, as living proof of our conversion to the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(inspired by the Collects for the Environmental Responsibility of the Common Prayer Book of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)
Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto, Amazon, Brazil*

Prayer Station 3

Please pray for human flourishing, that all may prosper

Prayer 1

One Eternal God Almighty,
Today we come to drop at your feet the disparity between rich and poor which has strained the economic fabric of our society leading gradually to the destruction of our world. You, Christ, were never more angry than when You drove the money-changers out from the Temple in Jerusalem. Let us, Dear God, before it is too late, find the ways, the means, and the will to reduce the scandalous inequality between rich and poor.
Let not this world, once created with the purpose of hope for all people, become a vicious land of the misers and the miserable.
All this we pray to You, God of Mercy, God of Justice, God of Love, God of All People. Amen.

Laurance Agathe André, Mauritius, Indian Ocean

Prayer 2

One Lord Jesus Christ,
when stormy waves of fear
and rising tides of danger distress us,
you shelter us in your strong heart,
and you hold us steady with your wounded hands.
From the unshakeable certainty of your love,
send out a flood of peace and rivers of justice.
Open up a fountain of health
to cleanse, refresh and renew us.
Gather the whole wide world
into the safety of your embrace. Amen

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Perth, Australia

Prayer Station 5

Please pray for partnership in seeking God's Kingdom

Prayer 1

One Creator of all, your love embraces the whole world and all peoples of every language, race and nation. In our midst the sin of racism infects our communities with hatred and death and obscures the recognition of your image in every human being.

May our commitment to one another through the transforming love of Christ heal divisions, restore justice and bring reconciliation between races and nations.

May the witness of the Anglican Communion to partnership, mutual respect and interdependence be a beacon of hope to your world as ambassadors of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Prayer 2

One Lord of all, as we thank you for the family of the Anglican Communion, we pray that in our wonderful diversity we may each know ourselves created in your image and loved by you.

Inspire us to work together to hasten the day when people will come from north and south, east and west, to find their honoured and equal place at your table and their home in your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, Chelmsford, UK

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR PRAYER, READING AND STUDY

Title	Author	Publisher
50 Ways to help save the Earth	Rebecca J. Barnes	Westminster John Knox
Care For Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth	Illa Delio O.S.F. Keith Douglass Warner O.F.M Pamela Wood	Franciscan Media
Creation as Sacrament	John Chryssavgis	T&T Clark
For the Beauty of the Earth	Steven Bouma-Prediger	Baker Academic
God of Earth	Kristin Swenson	Westminster John Knox Press
Inhabiting Eden	Patricia K. Tull	Westminster John Knox Press
Laudato Si	Pope Francis	Ignatius Press
Living In An Icon	Robert Gottfried Frederick W. Krueger	Church Publishing Inc.
Living In God's Creation Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology	Elizabeth Theokritoff	St Vladimir's Seminary Press
Reforesting Faith	Matthew Sleeth	Waterbrook
Seeing Differently	Simone Cocksedge, Samuel Double Nicholas Alan Worssam	Canterbury Press
Spiritual Ecology The Cry of the Earth	Ed, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee	The Golden Sufi Centre
Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit Womanist Wordings on God and Creation	Karen Baker-Fletcher	Print On Demand
The Earth Cries Glory Daily Prayer with Creation	Steven Shakespeare	Canterbury Press
Soil and Sacrament	Fred Bahnson	Simon & Schuster,

Grounded: Finding God in the world. A spiritual Revolution	Diana Butler Bass	HarperOne,
Green Saints for a Green Generation	Libby Osgoode	Orbis Books
Our Green Heart: The Soul and Science of Forests	Diana Beresford-Kroeger	Random House Canada
Earth Prayers from Around the World: 365 Prayers, Poems and Invocations for Honouring the Earth	Ed. Elizabeth Robert and Elias Amidon	Harper Collins

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