

A Time of Prayer Together:

GOD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

Prayers rooted in God's creation and our stewardship of it. Prepared by Reverend John Rackley.

A Declaration of Faith (from John 1: 3)

All things came into being through him,
and without him, not one thing came into being.

Prayer

Creating God, maker of all:
of form and pattern, of light and darkness,
of sun, moon and every star
of diversity and individuality,
of land and ocean, of streams and waterfalls,
of fish, bird and every creature,
of female and male,
the image and likeness of your very self:
we celebrate your imagination
and creative love. Amen.

Acknowledging our humanity

When we have covered our eyes
and stopped our ears to Creation's beauty and cry,
Lord have mercy, *Christ have mercy.*
When we have denied our ability
to steward the earth,
Lord have mercy, *Christ have mercy.*
When we have made God in our image,
Lord have mercy, *Christ have mercy.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

A Bible reading of your choice...

*Quieten down for a while and listen for the word
of God...*

Our Prayers of Intercession

which may include...

*The natural world and her climate.
People who work the sea and land.
People who decide the prices we pay.
People who live in war, in exile or asylum, and
people who decide their futures.
People who live with survivor guilt,
mourning their lost and loved.
People who show care in how they work
and how they live.
The churches, their priests and ministers,
as they live in the hope and grace of Jesus Christ.*

A Prayer (from an unknown source)

O Christ, the Master Carpenter
who, at the last, through wood and nails,
purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools
in the workshop of the world,
so that we, who come rough-hewn to your bench,
may there be fashioned
to a truer beauty of your hand. Amen.

A Blessing

May the creating God hold you and yours in love;
may the bird-watching Jesus
inspire your care and concern;
may the hovering Spirit
watch over your onward journey,
in the name of a Trinity of grace and beauty.

A Prayer for the Onward Journey...

(See over page.)

A Prayer for the Onward Journey...

From where we are,
to where you need us;
from the security of what we know,
to the adventure of what you will reveal;
to refashion the fabric of the world
into the likeness of your kingdom
until the new earth and the new heaven is
revealed,
JESUS LEAD US ON.
Amen.

Suggested Bible Readings

Based on the Lectionary (read by Christians of many churches around the world...)

Sunday 2nd August:

- Matthew chapter 14: verses 13-21
- Psalm 145
- Isaiah chapter 55 (especially verses 1-5)
- John chapter 6: verses 24-35

Sunday 9th August:

- Matthew 14: verses 22-36
- Psalm 85 (or Psalm 23)
- 1 Kings 19: verses 9-18
- John 6: verses 35-51

Sunday 16th August:

- Matthew 15: verses 1-28
- Psalm 67 or Psalm 133
- Isaiah 56: verses 1-8
- John 6: verses 51-58

Sunday 23rd August:

- Matthew 16: verses 1-20
- Psalm 124 or Psalm 138 or Psalm 95
- Isaiah 51: verses 1-6
- John 6: verses 56-69

Sunday 30th August:

- Matthew 16: verses 21-28
- Psalm 26 or Psalm 105
- Exodus 3: verses 1-15
- Romans 12: verses 1-21

Sunday 6th September:

- Matthew 18: verses 1-20
- Psalm 149
- Exodus 12: verses 1-14
- Romans 13: verses 1-14

Sunday 13th September:

- Matthew 18: verses 21-35
- Psalm 114 or Psalm 103
- Exodus chapter 14
- Romans 14: verses 1-12

Sunday 20th September:

- Matthew 20: verses 1-20
- Psalm 145
- Exodus 16: verses 1-15
- Philippians chapter 1

Sunday 27th September:

- Matthew 21: verses 23-32
- Psalm 25
- Exodus 17: verses 1-7
- Philippians chapter 2

Sunday 4th October:

- Matthew 21: verses 33-46
- Psalm 19 or Psalm 80
- Exodus 20: verses 1-21
- Philippians chapter 3

A Collect for Harvest (Methodist Worship Book)

Bountiful God,
you entrust your creation to our care.
Grant us grace so to order our common life
that we may use your gifts to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Times when we might pause for prayer,
knowing that others are praying with us:

Sundays at 10.30am – 11.00am

Sundays at 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Fridays at 12noon – 12.30pm

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