

A Prayer for the COP26 Conference

Loving Creator, at this moment in earth's history when humanity must take account of earth's destiny, give to those leaders who gather in Glasgow a sense of urgency, a perception of necessity and the wisdom and will to secure the health and wellbeing of the world at whatever the cost to wealth, political advantage or prestige. and give to us all a vision of a world restored to full health that is worthy of all those yet to be born and worth all the work, sacrifice and commitment which is ours to offer. Amen

Monday 1st November Creation as a source of wonder

Who supported the sea at its birth ..
when I established its bounds,
set its barred doors in place and said,
‘Thus far shall you come and no further’?
Have you gone down to the springs of the sea
or walked in the unfathomable deep?
Have you comprehended the vast expanse of the
world? Whose womb gave birth to the ice, and
who was the mother of the hoar-frost which lays a
stony cover over the waters? *Job 38*

*O God our Maker, we give you thanks for the
wonder of creation, in all its beauty and variety.
Praise be you O God, maker of all. Amen*

Tuesday 2nd November Creation worships its maker

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
let the sea resound and everything in it.
Let the fields exult and all that is in them;
let all the trees of the forest shout for joy
before the Lord. *Psalms 96: 11-12*

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters
and ocean depths ... all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and all
cattle, creeping things and winged birds.

Ps 148: 7-10

*Creating God, we give you thanks for our place on
this earth and for all with whom we share it. Help
us to be good stewards of all you have entrusted to
us.*

Wednesday 3rd November Humanity is charged with responsibility

The Lord took the man and put him in the garden
of Eden to be the guardian and servant of the
earth. .. For six years you may sow your fields and
prune your vineyards and gather the harvest,
but in the seventh year the land is to have a
sabbatical rest, a sabbath to the Lord. No land may
be sold outright, because the land is mine, and you
come to it as aliens and tenants of mine.

Gen 2:15; Lev 25: 3-4, 23

*God of the Sabbath, rebalance our lives that we
may live in right relationship with our planet,
with all living creatures and with You, Creating
God. Amen*



Praying for the Earth

Contemplation
Confession
Commitment

St Margaret's Rosyth

Thursday 4th November We have sinned

Your wrongdoing has upset nature's order,
and your sins have kept away her bounty.

The earth lurches like a drunkard;
the sins of its inhabitants weigh heavy on it,
and it falls, to rise no more.

The wages you never paid to those who mowed
your fields are crying aloud against you, and the
outcry of the reapers has reached the ears of the
Lord of Hosts.

Jer 5: 25; Is 24:20; James 5:4

*God of justice, we have lost our way and exploited
your gifts. Have mercy, Lord, have deep mercy.*



Friday 5th November Action for the planet

What, at this moment, does God invite you to do?

- to give thanks for the ways in which you are fed and sustained by the earth?
- to repent for our part in failing to care for the earth as you should?
- to make a positive commitment to renewing the health of the earth's environment?

You might like to light a candle in response to God's invitation.

Saturday 6th November Sabbath for the Planet

Eternal God, give us hearts to understand never to take from creation's beauty more than we can give, never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed, never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty, never to take from her what we cannot use. Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion, that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty, that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench, and that as we care for her, she will care for us. Amen.

U.N. Sabbath Programme

Sunday 7th November A Creed for the Planet

We believe that this is God's world
and all that lives on it;
we believe that living gratefully
and giving generously are marks of faith.

We believe that all of humanity
should have equal access to the earth's resources,
and that every individual must now act
to preserve this world
so that the children of tomorrow
will not be burdened
by the mistakes of today.

And so we commit ourselves
to think globally, to trade fairly,
to live responsibly, and to love this world as God
loves it, who in Christ become one with creation.
Amen

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