

Material for a Time of Climate & Nature Prayer

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This material can be used as a whole to shape a time of prayer for an individual or for a group of people, or you can excerpt as much or as little of the material as works in your context.

You might wish to start by reading or singing a hymn, or by listening to one of the [hymn recordings found on our website](#).

Loving God, you have created a marvellous world
And commissioned us to till and to keep the earth
As part of our calling to love you and our neighbour.

We praise you and thank you for the beauty all around us
And for your gracious provision of everything we need.

[Time for reflection on creation and for praise and thanksgiving]

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps 19: 1-2, Ps 8:1, ESV)

Merciful God, we have often failed in the task you have given us.

As individuals and as part of wider society.

We repent of our failures to love:

Our overuse of earth's resources

Our tendency to prioritise our own desires

Over the needs of other people and other creatures.

Trusting in your gracious mercy and praying in Jesus' name,

We ask you to forgive our sins and to help us to turn away from them

[Time for reflection and specific prayers of penitence]

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! (Ps 51: 1 - 2 adapted, ESV)

Lord Jesus, we see the impact of human sin on our lands:

Crops wither; habitats change; animals look in vain for food and water;

Our neighbours lose loved ones, health, homes, and livelihoods,

With those least responsible for crises often suffering the most.

The pain and injustice are like an open wound.

We pray to you, who knew thirst and hunger, unjust suffering and death,

Who reminded us that God cares for each sparrow and counts each hair on our head:

In your mercy, bring about transformation: send comfort to those who mourn,

And let justice, healing, and restoration flow like rivers.

[Time for reflection and specific prayers of lament and intercession]

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. (Ps 145:14, ESV)

Lord God, you work through the flawed and unworthy,
Offering forgiveness and your Holy Spirit to those who seek you.
Send your Spirit into our hearts, we pray.
Grant us a vision of what it means to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you,
And so fill us with your love and grace
That we may become agents of your transforming power.

[Time for reflection and prayers for God's help in living well]

May [the Father] grant us to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph 3: 16b-19, adapted)

Lord of Lords, ruler of creation,
We pray for people with authority in our and every nation [especially ...]
Amidst the clamour of politics and the media,
Help them to be still and to listen for your voice.
When they are pushed and pulled by different pressure groups,
Guide them onto paths of righteousness and peace.
When they have difficult choices to make and stands to take,
Grant them your wisdom, love, and strength.

[Time to pray for your MP and all people in authority]

Guide, we pray, leaders everywhere to work together for climate justice.
Inspire them to be creative, bold, and effective in finding new forms of finance
And just in distributing resources to those whose need is greatest.
Call people, businesses and nations that have profited from the causes of the climate crisis
To balance the scales, contributing their fair share to people disproportionately facing climate impacts.

[Time to pray for climate justice, especially in finance]

Guide each person involved with work for a just transition to a more sustainable world.
Give leaders in every part of society wisdom and discernment
As they evaluate issues and solutions, build coalitions, and make and communicate choices.
Show us how we can play our part in creating space for policies that promote the common good
And bless the conversations that are held today in the Mass Lobby.

[Time to pray for a just transition]

Grant, O Creator, that our view of nature may move from extraction to stewardship.
Give us a sense of the inherent worth of all created beings
Guide governments at all levels to protect, invest in and restore the natural world
And in every sector to promote practices that sustain and renew the life of the earth.

[Time to pray for the restoration of nature]

We bring together our petitions for ourselves, our world, and our leaders as we pray ***The Lord's Prayer***.

Closing Words: “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph 3: 20-21, ESV)