

## **Prayers of the People: Creation Season**

For the prayers of the people today, please feel free to sit, stand, or kneel, whichever you find more helpful as a posture for prayer.

In our prayers today we are following the theme of the Season of Creation which lasts through September and early October, as adopted by our General Synod this past summer. These creation prayers are adapted from a prayer written by Pope Francis. When I say, ‘God our Creator’, would you please response ‘hear our prayer’.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray in thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

God our Father, today we pray to you for the people of Jesus all over the world. In our various prayer cycles we remember ... We pray for our bishop Jane, our primate Linda, and for all bishops and ministers of the gospel, that you would bless and guide them in their ministries. God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Today we pray for all who need the healing touch of Jesus, especially...

...and any others who we may wish to name either silently or aloud...

We also pray for those who have died, ..., and any others who may be on our hearts today... God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

Finally in a moment of quiet, let each of us bring our own cares and needs before our loving God... God our Creator, **hear our prayer.**

God our Creator, we thank you that you know our needs before we ask, and you also know all the circumstances that are hidden from us. Grant our prayers as may be best for us according to your will. All these things we ask through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**