**Creationtide Prayers 2025**

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***A Prayer for Treading Lighter on the Earth***

Lord Jesus Christ,

Through you all things were made, and in you all things hold together.  
We confess the harm we have caused your creation  
through carelessness in our daily lives, participation in exploitative systems,

and at times, through conscious selfishness and greed.  
Have mercy upon us.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may have the courage to live differently,

and to walk more gently upon your earth.

Teach us to tread lightly:  
to take only what we need,  
to steward wisely the resources entrusted to us,  
and to live lives marked by generosity.  
May our love for our neighbours, both near and far, be shown in our everyday actions.  
Help us to be faithful in what we buy, how we travel, what we eat, and in the ways we reduce our energy use.

Grant us boldness to speak out:  
to advocate for those most affected by the climate crisis,  
to challenge injustice where we see it: in plastic waste, unethical financial systems, and the continued exploitation of your earth through fossil fuel extraction.

We pray for those in positions of leadership around the world.  
Grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion.  
Strengthen them to act with justice, to speak truth even when it is costly,  
and to serve the good of all people and of your creation.

***A Prayer for the Beauty of Creation***

*(Inspired by Psalm 8 and Psalm 104)*

Creator God,

We praise you for the beauty of your creation, teeming with life.

In the vastness and intricacy of the world:

from the greatest landscapes to the smallest of creatures,

we see the work of your fingers in all,

reflecting your glory.

For you set the moon and stars in place.

You shaped the lands, the oceans, and the rivers.

You formed the creatures that roam the earth, great and small -

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

The mountains rise, the waters flow: all declaring your majesty.

We thank you for the abundance and richness in your creation.

We give you praise for its beauty -

for the fruit it bears and the space it offers

to rest in your love and be renewed in your presence.

Amen.

***A Prayer for Local Environmental Justice***

Lord of mercy and compassion,

We see damage to your creation not only far away, but here among us.

We lift before you those in our own communities most at risk of environmental harm:

the marginalised, the poor, and the voiceless.

Protect those who bear the greatest risk:

from heatwaves in inner cities, polluted air, lack of access to nature which brings rest and renewal, and the growing threat of floods and storms.

These burdens are not shared evenly Lord.

Have mercy, and let your peace be known.

Equip your Church as a force for transformation, led by your Spirit.

Make us a sanctuary: ready to speak out boldly, care lovingly, and act justly.

Stir our hearts to protect the vulnerable, restore what is broken, and see the flourishing of all.

**Creationtide & Black History Month Prayers (1st Oct – 4th Oct)**

*The following prayers were written to be used during the overlap period of Creationtide and Black History Month (****1st Oct – 4th Oct****), though they would be suitable for use throughout Creationtide and the rest of the year. They include themes of the diversity of God’s created order, and the deep connection between climate and racial justice.*

***A Prayer for the Diversity of God’s Created Order***

*(With credit and thanks to Revd Canon Prem, St Edward’s New Addington)*

Lord God our heavenly Father, you created us in Your own image and You breathed your life into us. You created us in different colours and appearances so that together we reflect your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us your disciples and your friends. You have called us to be a new humanity that respects all people. In our baptism we were clothed with Christ, so that all differences in the way we appear and the way we are do not matter. We are all children of God, a new creation in Christ.

Holy Spirit, the creative power of God, we are your temple. Whatever race we are and whatever language we speak, we have been anointed with you the Holy Spirit and You are with us and within us.

God Holy Trinity, always in perfect union, three but always one. We praise and adore you that we are fearfully and wonderfully made as people of different ethnicities. We share your breath and life and in Christ we share your seal of love to embrace all people. We praise you for calling us to be your body, the Church, and be a new humanity celebrating our oneness.

***A Prayer for Climate & Racial Justice***

Lord of all Creation,

You made the heavens and the earth, and in your love you sustain all that is made. We lament the damage done to your world: the warming of the climate; the pollution of air, land, and sea; the loss of nature and wildlife; and the suffering of peoples.

Where the climate crisis deepens, so too does inequality. Those who have contributed the least to the issue suffer the most.

We lift before you those most deeply affected. Communities across the global South: those displaced by drought and storm, whose lands have been flooded, forests destroyed, homes lost to rising seas.

We lift up Indigenous peoples, those of Global Majority Heritage, and all those silenced or ignored in decisions that affect their lands, lives, and futures. Lord, amplify the voices of those on the frontlines of the crisis, so that their wisdom and experience may lead us all to repentance and renewal.

We grieve the suffering caused by extractive systems rooted in exploitation, where economic growth has come at great cost. In your mercy, O Lord, stretch your hand over people and places who have suffered and bring your transforming restoration.

We cry out for justice for your whole creation. May racial and climate justice walk hand in hand, and hearts be turned towards reconciliation. Renew your Church as faithful stewards of your earth, working for healing and peace for all.

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