

A Collection of Prayers
National Hour of Prayer for God's Earth
June 17, 2010 – 7pm – 8pm



Earth Day Prayer of Confession

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.
Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.
Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.
Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet,
grant us your peace.
Renew us in the waters of baptism,
refresh us with the winds of your spirit,
and sustain us with the bread of life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

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Earth Day Worship Resources 2010

(adapted from www.webofcreation.org)

Call to Worship

For the marvelous grace of your Creation, we pour out our thanks to You, our God.
We praise you, O Lord,
for plants growing in earth and water,
for life inhabiting lakes and seas,
for life creeping in soils and land,
for creatures living in wetlands and waters,
for beasts dwelling in woods and fields,
for life flying above earth and sea,
How many and wonderful are your works, our God. In wisdom you have made them all.
We praise you, O Lord, for the gift of your creation and your mighty works among us!

Call to Worship (or can be used as worship litany)

By your power, waters gushed forth in creation, nourishing life in all forms.
We seek your waters to cleanse us, to heal us, to refresh us, O Holy God.
By your grace, waters gushed forth from the rock of Horeb to quench the mightiest thirst.
We seek your waters to cleanse us, to heal us, to refresh us, O Holy God.
By your love, you offer the gift of Living Water for all who come to the well.
For the gift of water that restores all of creation, we eternally sing your praise!

Call to Worship – (adapted from Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, Praise God in the heights above.
Praise God, all God's heavenly hosts.
Praise the Creator of sun and moon, praise God, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the skies.
Let all praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and all was created.
Praise the Lord from the earth, all creatures great and small. We praise the name of God!

From The Book of Common Prayer, page 827

40. For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

41. For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*