

Caring for Creation | Prayer vigil for October

Suggestion of service order for a time of prayer

Song

Let all who are thirsty come

Psalm

Alleluia 17 can be sung between each verse

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim God's help day by day,
tell among the nations God's glory
and wonders among all the peoples.

It was the Lord who made the heavens.
Majesty and honour and power are the Lord's
and splendour in God's holy place.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise.

Let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord who comes.

from Psalm 96

Reading

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Revelation 21.1-5

Song

Señor, que florezca tu justicia

Silence

Prayer for Creation

The first three intercessions come from Pope Francis' encyclical "{Laudato Si}" and the last three were received by the Iona Community and from young people in Taizé. Between each intercession Kyrie 10 can be sung.

- 1) Loving God, you are present in the universe and in the least of your creatures, surround all that exists with your tenderness. -We pray to you.
- 2) Creator God, teach us to take care of creation, where everything speaks to us of you. -We pray to you.
- 3) God, creator, fill us with your peace, so that we can live together as brothers and sisters. -We pray to you.
- 4) Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. -Holy Spirit, come!
- 5) Holy Spirit, Creator, from your breath all creatures drew their life. -Come, comforting Spirit.
- 6) Lord Jesus, gather like chicks under your wings, all your children who have lost their homes due to climate disasters and grant them shelter with you. Lord, hear us we pray. (from Scotland/USA)
- 7) For the new generations in the midst of their fears, their worries and their desperate attempts to change the structures endangering their future: give them hope beyond all hope. (from Germany)
- 8) May God above who takes care of the lilies, guide us as we remind each other to take care of the lilies, birds of the air and our environment. (from Uganda)

Our Father

Prayer by Brother Alois

Loving God, you enable us to perceive the infinite beauty of creation, of all that comes from you. Increase in us our gratitude for all that you give. And make us even more mindful of those who suffer, you, the Saviour of all life.

Songs

Surrexit Dominus Vere
Bóg jest miłością
I am sure I shall see