

## **World Day of Prayer for Creation**

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. 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. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

*Prayer provided by Presbyterians for Earth Care in 2016.*

The earth is yours, Lord, and everything in it. You make us stewards, entrusted to care for creation, ready always to give you an accounting of how we nurtured and tended that which belongs to you. In your generosity and compassion, you give us sunsets awash in color, rivers gurgling over rocks, fireflies that glow in formation and crows that recognize human faces. The diversity, complexity and beauty of the earth stuns and sustains us. While we shelter in place, the blooming dogwood provides relief from hopelessness and the returning pair of cardinals reminds us to give thanks for the present moment. As the skies clear and the dolphins play and the wildlife reclaim the woods, we lament the ways we damage the good you made, defy your command to be caretakers and abuse your beloved world. May we learn well the lessons this quarantine has taught us, so that when we return to our travel, our workplaces, our schools, our unencumbered comings and goings, our capitalism and consumption, we will do so mindful of their impact on creation and ready to change our ways so that all your earth can flourish. Amen.

*Prayer provided by the Presbyterian Outlook (Jill Duffield)*

### **A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation God of the universe:**

We thank You for Your many good gifts - For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted And wasted what You have given us. Transform our hearts and minds So that we would learn to care and share, To touch the earth with gentleness and with love, Respecting all living things. We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, And we pray that the day will come when everyone has enough food and clean water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species And help us to willingly share your gifts today and always. Amen.

*Prayer provided by Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland*

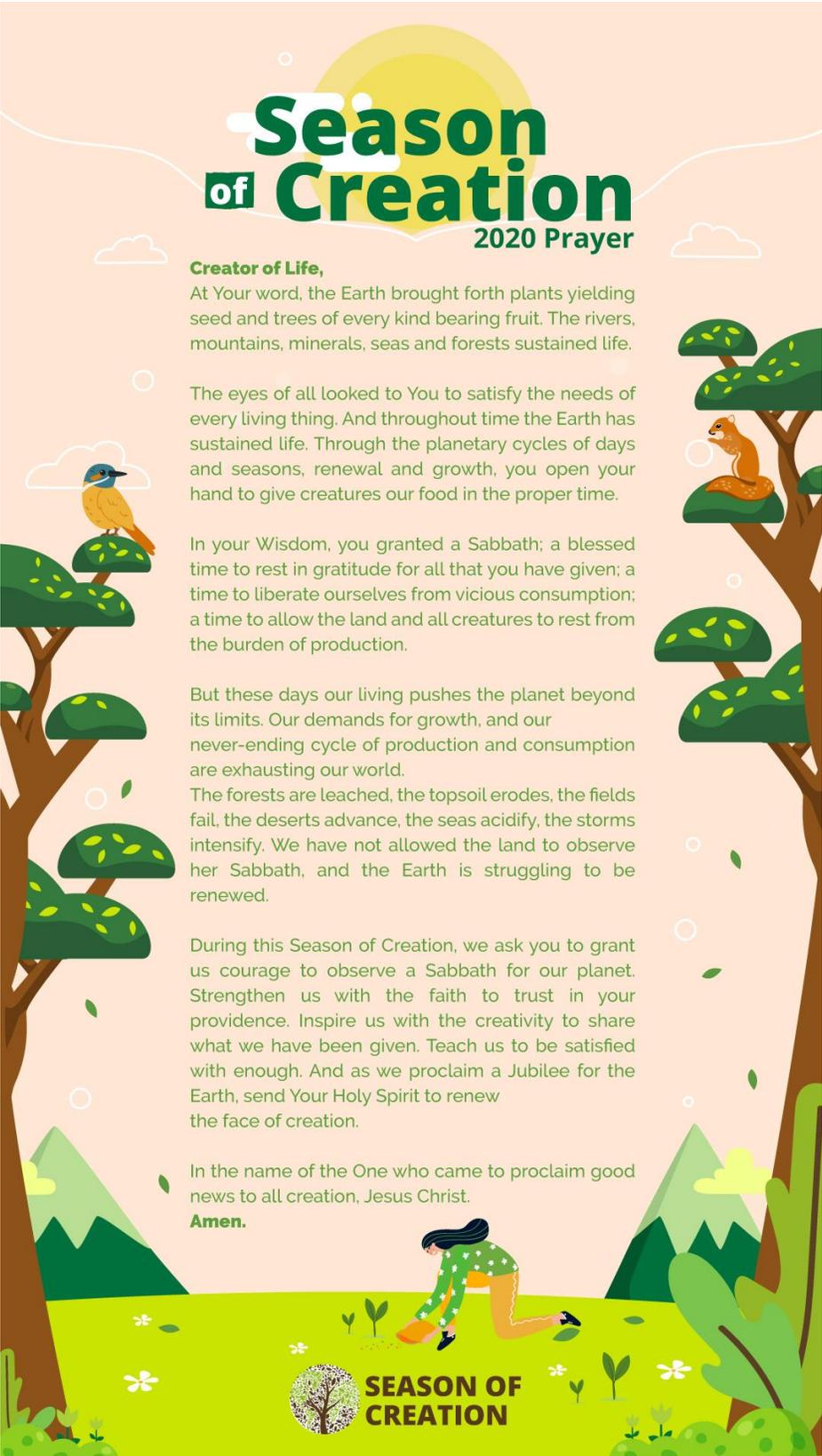
We gently caress you, the Earth, our planet, and our home. Our vision has brought us closer to you, making us aware of the harm we have done to the life-network upon which we ourselves depend. We are reminded that we have poisoned your waters, your lands, your air. We have filled you with the bones of our dead from war and greed. Your pain is our pain. Touching you gently, we pray that we may become peace-bringers and life-bringers so that our home in its journey around the Sun does not become a sterile and lonely place. May this prayer and its power last forever.

*Prayer provided by the Manitoba Buddhist Temple*

God, your amazing love extends through all time and space, to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good. You made a covenant with Noah and his family, putting a rainbow in the sky to symbolize your promise of love and blessing to every living creature, and to all successive generations. You made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations. You made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people to all generations, giving them the 10 commandments and challenging them to choose life. In Jesus, you invite us to enter into a new covenant, in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.

As people of faith, we are called into covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation. We pray for the healing of the earth, that present and future generation may enjoy the fruits of creation, and continue to glorify and praise you.

*Prayer provided by the National Council of Churches of Christ*



# Season of Creation

2020 Prayer

**Creator of Life,**

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life.

The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production.

But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world.

The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



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CREATION**

*Prayer provided by Interfaith Power and Light, Albuquerque, NM*