

## Friday Morning Prayer for Creation 2024

### Opening Prayer

God our loving creator, touch our hearts and minds that we may enter the silence where you wait for us....

Lord, open our lips  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together, and the host of heaven shouted for joy. Open our mouths this morning to praise the wonders of your creation. Open our hearts too see your image in all things.

*-adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Silence*

### Hymn or Poem (if selected)

#### Psalm

**Glory to you Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

...

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Silence followed by shared reflections*

### Shared Reflections

#### Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we say,  
**We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**  
**We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. Who calls us to lives of reconciliation and renewal.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lifts up the groans of creation and lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in the hope of God's resurrection created world, where all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, Amen.**

### **Prayers**

O merciful Creator, your loving hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, give us grace to honor you with all you have entrusted to us; that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

United in the company of all the faithful, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

*Spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

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### **Blessing | Sending**

May the God who appeared in the burning bush, the God who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, the God who fills all creatures with food, form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**