

# Monday Morning Prayer for Creationtide 2024

with centering prayer / contemplative sit.

## **LITANY OF REPENTANCE And CANDLE-LIGHTING**

We human beings have sinned against creation. Let us ask for forgiveness...

We take a moment to offer up what we have done or left undone  
Individually or collectively - to God's unceasing mercy.

*Silence is kept for confession*

We have been part of destroying the biological diversity of God's creation.

**Lord have mercy.**

We have degraded the integrity of the earth and caused change in its climate.

**Christ have mercy.**

We have stripped the earth of its natural forests and destroyed its wetlands.

**Lord have mercy.**

We have contaminated the earth's waters, its land, its air and its life.

**Christ have mercy.**

*An assurance of God's grace is offered.*

*A member of the gathering is invited to light a candle on the table.*

Roman Catholic Church of Ireland, alt.

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Invocation of a memorial or commemoration. Bell x 3*

### **Gathering Words**

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

All creation sings of your glory. **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

*A hymn or poem may be sung or said.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **The Psalm**

*The psalm of the day is said or chanted from the psalter.*

...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.

**The Reading** *A reading of the day is read aloud*

### **The Contemplative Sit**

#### **The Principles of Centering Prayer**

1. Choose a sacred word or a sacred breath as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your thoughts, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word. Thoughts include body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

*20-minute silence begins and ends with a bell. At the end we may bow toward each other.*

## **The Canticle**

*The Canticle of the Sun (St. Francis of Assisi) may be said or chanted.*

**A)** Most High, all powerful, good Lord \*

Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong \*

and no one is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures especially Sir Brother Sun \*

who brings the day; and you give light through him

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! \*

For you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

**B)** Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars \*

in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind \*

and through the air, cloudy and serene,

and every kind of weather through which you give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water \*

which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire \*

through whom you light the night and he is beautiful

and playful and robust and strong.

**C)** Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth \*

who sustains us and governs us and who produces

varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love \*

and bear infirmity and tribulation.

**D)** Blessed are those who endure in peace \*

for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death \*

from whom no living one can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin \*

Blessed are those who will find Your most holy will,

for the second death shall do them no harm \*

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks and serve with great humility.

GP: 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.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith as we say, together

**We trust in God above us, the Creator of all things, the Sustainer of all life.**

**We trust in Jesus, the Christ beside us, our Companion and Friend,  
our Sibling and Lord;**

**The Redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe**

**who calls us into lives of right relationship, healing and renewal.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit deep; both within and beyond;**

**Our Advocate and Guide, who lifts up the groans of creation.**

**We believe in the hope of Christ's resurrection -  
And of our own resurrection.**

**Of a time when all creation will be renewed in beauty, truth and justice;  
Where all will live in peace and without fear.**

**We trust this God of hope; above, beside, within, beyond.  
We trust in this Triune God of yesterday, today and forever.  
Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Our Prayers**

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it"

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day let us offer our prayers to God with one heart and one mind.

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings  
may be offered in silence or aloud. After each intercession a response may be said:*

...In peace let us pray to the Lord  
**Lord hear our prayer**

May the Divine Assistance be with our absent companions  
...and all those we keep in our hearts this day and always...

### **Collecting Prayers**

*This or another collect / collect of the day may be said:*

Let us pray: God of all creation, Your spirit dances throughout the earth. You give drink to the trees, shade for the birds, bread for the hungry, you bring life and make all things holy. Flood us with your grace, so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty, and reflect your reign here on earth. We ask this through Christ your Son, Jesus Christ **Amen.** RC Ireland

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

..Rejoicing in God's new creation  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one  
in a language, paraphrase or translation of our choosing  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**Our Father** (or Source, or Maker, or Parent) **in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

# THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

## **The Blessing**

Bless us in the name of the Creator God;  
+Source of All Being, Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit.

As we go forth with joy and hope to care for God's creation,

- walking gently on the earth
- seeking right relationship
- nurtured by your Love
- taking only what we need
- giving back to the earth in gratitude
- honouring all with reverence
- reconciling and healing
- mindful of those who will come after,
- mindful of the poor and oppressed
- recognising our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation.

Ignite your Spark within us,  
That we may know ourselves as truly human  
and irrevocably part of the Web of Life

**Amen.** Irish Bishops / *Laudato Si...*

## **The Dismissal**

*[chanted]* Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*[spoken together]* **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Bell x 3*