

## **Prayers for a broken creation, for KPC - 2025**

*As you lead intercessions, please consider using the key ideas below to write your own prayer or use some of these sample prayers taken from the resources listed:*

### *Prayers about Climate Change*

God of blessings,  
the universe sings of your glory.  
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made  
and awaken in us a renewed commitment  
to care for the earth and each other.  
Inspire leaders with openness to listen to those  
most affected by climate change  
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,  
so that our common home may be healed and  
restored  
and all people, and generations to come, may  
delight in it.

O Lord, we pray for courage, as the oceans rise,  
and people suffer.  
Let us care for one another, and protect our  
precious home.  
O Lord, we pray for strength, as the glaciers thaw,  
and our Earth is in pain.  
Give us the spirit to do more, to act together, and  
to protect our fragile home.  
O Lord, we pray for hope as the temperatures soar.  
To the tears of your Creation we will not close our  
eyes.  
Help us all work together, to preserve our  
common home.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.

### *A prayer of wonder at God's creation*

Creator God,  
We acknowledge that as your handiwork,  
we stand alongside all that you have made.  
Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys,  
soaring birds and scuttling creatures,  
all are held within your care.  
May we grow in our love and appreciation  
for the fabulous variety around us;  
and may our awe and wonder draw us closer  
to the natural world, and through it to you,  
the God of all things.  
We pray in Jesus name,  
Amen

### *A Celtic prayer delighting in God's presence in His creation*

There is no plant in the ground but tells of your  
beauty, O Christ.  
There is no life in the sea but proclaims your  
goodness.  
There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the  
sky,  
there is nothing beneath the sun but is full of your  
blessing.  
Lighten my understanding of your presence all  
around, O Christ.  
Kindle my will to be caring for Creation

### *A prayer of repentance and for Environmental Justice*

O God, we pray for justice and fairness for those  
worst hit by our changing climate.  
We know people living in extreme poverty around  
the world are worst hit by the climate crisis but  
have done the least to contribute to it and have the  
fewest resources to implement change.  
We ask for your mercy, O Lord, and repent when  
our blind consumerism has led to an increase in  
emissions, pollution and the destruction of our  
common home.  
Amen.

***Key ideas:***

- God loves His creation; he made it to be good; creation speaks to us of God's goodness, but also creation itself responds in worship to its maker; this all means that matter matters to God and that the spiritual does not trump the physical. We need to respond with gratitude and awe for all that He has made
- We have damaged God's creation as result of our greed and patterns of (over)-consumption; we must therefore respond with sorrow, repentance and even lament
- Note: The term 'creation' is a more Christian expression than the more scientific term 'the environment'

***Resources***

- [Doxecology - Resound Worship](#) – helpful worship songs based around an 'eco' theme; the words can be adapted into prayer
- [Prayers for World Environment Day | The Church of England](#) – a CofE resource of prayers
- [Prayers for the Environment and Sustainability](#) – a Jesuit Resource of prayers
- [Climate prayers](#) from CAFoD (Catholic agency for overseas development)
- [5 Powerful Prayers for Climate Change | Compassion UK](#)
- [How to pray for the climate crisis - Tearfund](#) – A Tearfund resource – tips for how to pray
- [“Celtic Prayers from Iona” | Seeing Creation](#) – There is some thoughtful material in the Celtic Christian tradition
- [The Works of the Lord: 52 biblical reflections on science, technology – BRFOonline](#) – a published book covering a range of issues, including creation care

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