



SEASON OF CREATION

Worship resource

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A Collect for Season of Creation

Source of all life, we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation made manifest in the environment that surrounds us; strengthen us in the mission of stewardship and care towards nature, the work of your hands, encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Intercessions for Season of Creation

This is Christ's commandment: to love one another as he loved us. With contrite spirits and respect for all humanity, let us pray to God that we may learn to care for not only our brothers and sisters, but for all God's creation shown forth in the wonder of nature that maintains our common life.

(Remembering *N*.) Have compassion on all who suffer from trials and pain, especially the victims of natural disasters caused by our own greed and negligence. Grant them their needed relief and the help of your children in their daily struggles.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Kindle the hearts of the leaders in your Church; especially *N*, our bishop, *N*, our priest, and all other ministers. Reveal in them the example of your Christ, who revered and cared for the fullness of your creation.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Inspire all civil authorities to dedicate their resources and efforts to the building of a better world for all your people. May they govern with respect and balance toward nature through policies that seek to relieve the environmental

calamity that surrounds us.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

(Remembering *N*.) Have mercy on your children suffering from illness, granting them healing and comfort from their afflictions. Equip us to serve all who are ill as we would serve Christ.

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(Remembering *N*.) Bring to your glorious presence all those faithful who have departed this world with faith in Jesus Christ. Grant them eternal rest in the company of the Virgin Mary, apostles, martyrs, and all your saints.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Receive the prayers we now offer you as a sign of our immense gratitude (for *N*.) for the many blessings you have given us, and above all for the life in nature that continues to flourish despite our carelessness. Grant that we may return your love in acts of charity and compassion toward the world that you created and all of its creatures.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect:

Creator of all, whose Son came to reconcile all creation to you: inspire in us a reverence for your creatures in this world and accept the prayers that we now offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer for Season of Creation

After the Dialogue, the Presider continues

It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God, for you are the source of all life. Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us through the environment that you established in



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creation. You rule the universe with balance and generosity, for which all creation never ceases to praise you. Joining with the company of heaven and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas, we joyfully praise your holy name, singing (saying)

Sanctus

The Presider continues

O God, our creator, you placed us in this world, but did not leave us to live alone. You surrounded us with your wondrous creation that we might live in harmony with it, taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life. Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people, yet we strayed from your path. We judged ourselves powerful and mighty, planting destruction between us and nature, and creating a world of inequity, imbalance, and discontent. Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance and new life, yet we chose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error.

In the fullness of time and in your infinite mercy, you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life. He taught us to live in unity with you, opening the doors to a new creation: one reconciled to you and sustained by your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. Having given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying, "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and having

given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the wondrous mystery: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ we may fill the world with your love, renewing it with the gift of your Gospel.

Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us and restoring the balance of nature. Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden, worthy of respect and care. Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle to preserve the environment and the diversity of life within it. And, at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom, where in the company of (N and) all your saints, we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ.

By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *Amen.*

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