



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Environment Programme

An Order for Night Prayer during Creationtide

**That this evening may be holy,
good and peaceful, let us pray
with one heart and mind.**

As we are gathering, think of yourself strongly rooted, like a tree, with your roots sunk into the deep spring of God, which will never run dry.

Draw inner life and peace from that spring now

Blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord;

All **such a person is like a tree by the waterside,
That thrusts its roots to the stream**

when the heat comes it has nothing to fear, its foliage stays green;

All **untroubled in a year for drought, It never stops bearing fruit.**

Lord, deepen our trust.

All **that in you we may grow strong and bear much fruit.**

We confess our sins and the sins of society:

God our Father, we are sorry
For the times we have used your gifts carelessly
And acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer and in your mercy
Forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest
But sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father in your mercy;
Forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied
But ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy
Forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless
And do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
Forgive us and help us.
Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:
Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
Bring us back to yourself
As those who once were dead
But now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 148

Readings

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Lord, in all your creation

Women **we see the profusion of growth**

Men **the variety of fruits**

All **the cycle of regeneration.**

in every acorn

All **there is the potential for a forest:**

in every apple pip

All **there is the potential for an orchard**

in every soul

there is the potential for your kingdom to be established,

Full of peace and love and joy.

○ Lord, may your kingdom come

In us and in all creation. **Amen.**

Prayers

Holy God,

Into one world you have set one community of creation. Plants and animals, earth, sky, and sun; women, men, boys and girls; young and old.

We acknowledge our dependence on the fruits of the earth, the clear running water, the shelter of trees and the goodness of soil.

We acknowledge our dependence on you, Lord, as author and creator.

So help us, Lord of all, that the network of creation which so supports and helps us, may not be further broken and that we may be amongst those who repair the damage of the years.

Amen.

Lord our God, you renew the face of the earth

And bring newness to our world;

Restore the waters,

Refresh the air,

Revive the land.

Breathe new life into all creation

And begin with us.

The Blessing.

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