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Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created  
the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky.

*All:* *Blessed be God, forever.*

Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created  
the living things of the earth  
and made us in your image and likeness.

*All:* *Blessed be God, forever.*

Reader: Praise be to God, Our Father,  
who provides for our daily needs  
through the gifts of His creation.

Reader: Let us join in one voice of thanksgiving by  
praying the prayer that Jesus taught us.

*All:* *(Pray the Our Father)*

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER (Prayer Leader)

O God,  
Author of creation  
In Your wisdom,  
You made humanity in Your image and likeness  
and given us care over all living things.

Continue to protect and sustain us.  
Help us to be good stewards of your earth.

We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit  
One God, forever and ever.

*All:* *Amen.*

# *In Praise of God's Sacred Creation*



## *A Prayer Service For Earth Day*

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS (Prayer Leader)

### INTRODUCTION (Prayer Leader)

Let us praise our almighty  
and loving God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all living things.

Let us remember that  
God saw His creation as good.  
He empowered us  
as caretakers of His earth.

By taking care of the earth  
we proclaim His glory and majesty.  
Let us listen to the story of  
God's creation from the Book of Genesis.

### READING: Genesis 1-2:3

(Reading may be divided by days to include multiple readers.)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 8 (Reader)

*Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful  
your name in all the earth!*

O LORD, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name  
through all the earth!  
You have set your majesty  
above the heavens! (Response)

When I see your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and stars that you set in place--  
What are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mere mortals that you care for them? (Response)

You have given them rule  
over the works of your hands,  
put all things at their feet:  
All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the sea.

(Response)

O LORD, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name  
through all the earth! (Response)

### GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 25-30 (Reader) (followed by a brief period of silent reflection.)

### PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S CREATION (Multiple readers may be used.)

Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created the day  
and night.

*All: Blessed be God, forever.*

Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created the sky  
and its stars.

*All: Blessed be God, forever.*

Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created the earth  
and the seas.

*All: Blessed be God, forever.*

Reader: Blessed are you, Father, who created  
the sun and the moon.

*All: Blessed be God, forever.*