

Prayer For the Healing of Creation (Friday)
From Holden Village Handbook to the Liturgy

GATHERING

We gather around the cross and a map of the world,
The world God creates, sustains, and loves.
We come to pray for the healing of creation
We come to hear God's promise to make all things new in Christ Jesus.

There will be a time during our prayer when you may come forward
To the cross (on the map) at the center of the room
You may stand or kneel or sit to pray,
Light a candle, (place it in one of the containers)
And remain as long as you desire.

Some suggestions for a song thanking and praising God for creation to be sung:

ELW 837 Many and great, O Go

ELW 679 For the fruit of all creation

The assembly stands for the song

ELW 734 God, whose farm is all creation

ELW 740 God of the sparrow

Or an Easter song

Assembly is seated

KYRIE: SP 21

PSALM (you need to pick a psalm that has to do with creation)

The assembly is seated. The Psalm for the day is sung or spoken. It concludes with a time of silence and the psalm prayer.

PSALM PRAYER

READING

(I don't have the reading but will get it to you soon)

Refrain

silence for reflection.

Let us pray (pause)

Look upon us with mercy, O God,
Forgive our unfaithfulness,
Our failure to respond to need and suffering,
Our wasteful consumption and pollution of your creation,

And our negligence in tending and keeping what you have made.
Send forth your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth,
And restore in us the image of your love,
Jesus Christ,
In whose name we pray
Amen.

LITANY FOR CREATION

The assembly is seated.

Let us name before God the wonders of creation,
Pleading for their protection, healing, and renewal
Through the life-giving power of the Spirit

Litany: For the Healing of Creation (SP 12) adapted from "Litany of the Saints" by John Becker. The cantor begins by singing through one verse, simply singing "God, renew," and the people respond, "God, renew," The cantor then sings out parts of creation (based on Psalm 104), and the people respond "God, renew." After several verses, the refrain "For the healing of creation, we pray to you, O God" is sung as a call and response.

Silence

INVITATION TO THE CROSS

When the music begins again,
You are invited to come to the cross and pray.
Come alone or with another.
Light a candle as a sign of the light no darkness can overcome.
Join in singing the simple chants
as we surround one another with prayer and light
Come when you feel drawn

Some suggested songs as people are coming to the cross

**O Lord, hear my prayer
Send forth your Spirit (SP 36)
Come, light of God (SP 26)
Your will be done (SP 27)**

**choose one of these and add others
if you have some you would like**

Gathering our many prayers into one, let us pray. *(pause)*

You open wide your hand, O God,
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You draw near to those who call upon you,
Crying out from their hearts.
Hear our cries, receive our prayers,

And fill us with your blessing,
Until needy no longer,
Your whole creation sings your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
In whom you make all things new.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORDS PRAYER

SENDING

God all mighty, God most merciful
Bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.
Amen.

Go in peace or remain as you wish.