

## Friday Morning Prayer for Creation 2025

### Opening Prayer

God our loving creator, touch our hearts and minds that we may enter the silence where you wait for us....

Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together, and the host of heaven shouted for joy. Open our mouths this morning to praise the wonders of your creation. Open our hearts to see your image in all things.

*-adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Silence*

### Poem

#### **It's In Everything**

**James A. Pearson**

It's in everything, this dancing  
of something that's more than just life.  
Look at the trees near the shore,  
how they shimmy and wave  
over the bright face of the Salish Sea.

Meanwhile the waters rush in,  
mad for the moon, twirling around  
the outstretched hand of the point  
and kissing the forehead of the beach  
before they rush back out again.

I have it on good authority  
that the whole world spins and spins  
as it falls toward the warm center of its love,  
then swings back out to sing of it  
among the stars.

Stand still here among the trees  
and the wind and the warm sun.  
What dance stirs in the bones of you to join?  
Let the music of the world find you.

## **Psalm**

**Glory to you Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

...

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Silence followed by shared reflections*

## **Shared Reflections**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith as we say,  
**We trust in God above us, the Creator of all things, the Sustainer of all life.**  
**We trust in Jesus, the Christ beside us, our Companion and Friend, our Sibling and Lord;**  
**The Redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe who calls us into lives of right relationship, healing and renewal.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit deep; both within and beyond; Our Advocate and Guide, who lifts up the groans of creation.**  
**We believe in the hope of Christ's resurrection**  
**And of our own resurrection.**  
**Of a time when all creation will be renewed in beauty, truth and justice;**  
**Where all will live in peace and without fear.**  
**We trust this God of hope; above, beside, within, beyond.**  
**We trust in this Triune God of yesterday, today and forever. Amen.**

*Adapted from from the Lenten series 'Journey into Wholeness' by Christine Sine*

## **Prayers**

O merciful Creator, your loving hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, give us grace to honor you with all you have entrusted to us; that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

United in the company of all the faithful, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

*Spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.*

**The Lord's Prayer** (paraphrase)

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

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May the God who appeared in the burning bush, the God who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, the God who fills all creatures with food, form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**