

**We are sent..**

Go out and meet God as you walk the earth.

Be present and contemplate with wonder.

Notice the great variety in creation,  
revealing the abundance of Divinity.

Earth is an unrepeatable manifestation of God.

Everything is holy.

Give thanks for God's life in everything.



**Blessing**

God of the first dawning, bless us  
with your gracious energy,  
with gratitude for the beauty around us,  
an understanding of the earth as a home for all,  
and a resolve to live reverently and  
with kindness in your creation. Amen.

Josephite Prayer Book

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**The Burning Bush**  
— Ex 3:1-12 —

**Listen to the  
Voice of creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST 2022**

*Our time of prayer leads us into the Season of Creation .*

*The symbol of the Burning Bush reminds us  
to take off our shoes,  
contemplate our connection with holy ground,  
listen for the voice of creation ,  
and be filled with hope in the light of God's love.*



*"This is holy ground, We're standing on holy ground.*

*For God is present and where God is, is holy."*

## ***We pray....***

In the name of God Creator and Sustainer of all life.

In the name of Jesus who walked our earth in love,  
and who is now present in all creation as the Cosmic Christ.

In the name of the Spirit whose love  
breathes through our troubled world  
to birth a new creation.

## **We ask our Gracious God.....**

Allow my ears to listen to the cry of the earth  
and the voices of my sisters and brothers.

Allow my eyes to see the beauty of creation  
in flowers, creatures, forests, and cities alike.

Allow my voice to speak out for justice.  
and ensure people living in poverty are heard.

Allow my hands to care for the earth,  
to toil, to reap, to celebrate.

Allow my feet to take the path less trod.  
to take your message out to the world..



## **We thank You Gracious God.....**

For the marvelous grace of your creation,  
We pour out our thanks to you our God.

For sun and moon and stars,  
For rain and dew and winds,  
For winter cold and summer heat.

We praise you God for mountains and hills,  
For springs and valleys,  
For rivers and seas.

We praise you God for plants growing in the earth and water ,  
For life inhabiting lakes and seas,  
For life creeping in soils and land,  
For creatures living in wetlands and waters;  
For beasts dwelling in woods and fields,  
How many and wonderful are your works O Lord.



## **Reflection:**

Earth teach me stillness,  
As grasses are stilled with light.

Earth teach me suffering.  
As old stones suffer with memory.

Earth teach me humility,  
As blossoms are humble with beginning.

Earth teach me caring,  
As the mother who secures her young.

Earth teach me limitation,  
As the ant which crawls on the ground.

Earth teach me freedom,  
As the eagle which soars in the sky.

Earth teach me resignation,  
As the leaves which die in the fall.

Earth teach me regeneration,  
As the seed which rises up in Spring.

Earth teach me to forget myself,  
As melted snow forgets its life.

Earth teach me to remember kindness,  
As dry fields weep in the rain.

*Take time to ponder....*

*Remember a time when the earth has gifted you  
with **COURAGE***

*with **WISDOM***

*with **A NEW INSIGHT.***

*Give thanks for those experiences.*