



Creation Care Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven

Lord God, thank you that as our Father you want to hear our cares and concerns as we come to you to pray about your world. And, as our Father in heaven, you are righteous and just, all-powerful and all-knowing – so we can trust you to answer our prayers in your perfect way.

Hallowed be your name

We want to praise your name today, Creator God, for the incredible world you made; we praise you for the beauty, the detail and the complexity of your creation, and we praise you for the joy and the blessings it brings to each of us.

Your kingdom come

We pray for the restoration and redemption of your creation, Lord God. We thank you that Jesus death has already won the reconciliation of all things, and that when He returns, creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay, and its groaning will finally be ended.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

We know, Lord God, that it is your will for humankind, who you made in your image, to care for your world on your behalf. Help us, Father, to be good stewards of your creation, so that your will will be done in how we treat your world on a day to day basis.

Give us today our daily bread

Lord, we pray for all those suffering due to environmental degradation: please provide for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs today. We pray for wisdom for leaders across the globe as they make decisions and create policies that will impact the future of your creation. And we pray for ourselves: show us how to pray for your planet and how we can make a difference for the good of your creation in the places you have put each one of us to live in.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have all contributed towards damaging your good creation. And as we accept your forgiveness with gratitude, help us not to be quick to condemn the wrongs of others, but to cry out, in the words of our Lord Jesus, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil

When we are tempted to buy more stuff that we don't really need, to turn a blind eye to the packaging the food we buy comes in, to drive when we could have walked, or to take any of the myriad decisions we can take every day that cause harm to your creation – deliver us, O Lord, from all evil, and help us to live lives that care for your creation and reflect your glory.

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

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