

Intercessions for Eco Church Sunday, 18 July 2021

When I say "Creator of the world", please respond "Hear us and inspire us".

Creator of the world...

Hear us and inspire us.

O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we bring to you the service of our hearts, our hands and our voices. Accept our prayers and praises. Help us to understand how you have spoken to us through what we have heard today. Deepen our faith and our fellowship with one another. Help us to feel at one with your creation, increasing our understanding of our place in it and our role as stewards of this precious and fragile world.

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We thank you, Lord, for the work of A Rocha and for all involved in the Eco Church movement. We pray that more churches will be bringers of good news for God's earth, setting an example in their communities of how to care better for our world. Help this church community to contribute some light and hope in a world increasingly plagued by the impact of climate change and loss of biodiversity. Help us to see the ways in which we can contribute more to the care of our local environment.

At this time we ask you to be with all who have been affected by the floods in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

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We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the world, Lord, surrounded by trees, filled with life. Others around the world are not so fortunate. We thank you for the work of the many charitable organisations, both at home and abroad, whose mission is to help those who have no choice but to live in harsh and arid places. Today we mention by name just one: Water Aid, a charity that seeks to provide clean water and sanitation to people in the poorest communities across the world. Gracious Lord, bless their work, and inspire us to do what we can to support charities such as Water Aid in their vital work.

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Lord God, as we continue to struggle to emerge from the Covid pandemic, we ask your blessing on all in our community who have suffered during the pandemic as a result of illness, bereavement, fear, loneliness, loss of work, financial insecurity. Bless the work of scientists and other experts trying to understand our situation and how to avoid similar events in future. Help us to listen to, to understand, and to act upon the advice we receive from experts.

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The things, Lord, that we have prayed for, give us grace also to work for; and in the purpose of your love both answer our prayers and support our endeavours, in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers...