

OUR DAILY BREAD

FOOD IN GOD'S CREATION

Prayers of intercession

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Set 1 – Food in God's creation

Creator God, for thousands of years we, your people, have cooperated with your creative power at work in the land and seas around us to bring forth food for our nourishment and that of our children. Help us to continue to respect the earth itself and the natural processes around us, so that future generations can be sustained by that same generous life-giving earth.

O God, hear us we pray,

Response: O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Bounteous God, may our sharing in food and drink keep us aware of our dependence on all beings for life and strength. May it increase our reverence for land, sea and sky.

O God, hear us we pray,

Response: O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, we know that the animals from which we get our meat are sentient creatures. May we at least ensure, through our purchasing power, that animals are bred, transported and killed in respectful conditions.

O God, hear us we pray,

Response: O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator Spirit, give us the unity for which Christ prayed at the Last Supper, that together we can enhance the quality of all that lives and grows.

O God, hear us we pray,

Response: O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

We give thanks for the bounteous earth which 'gives forth its fruit in due season'. Help us to respect the seasonality of life in our choices of food, accepting what the earth brings forth naturally in each season and being willing to wait for the produce our temperate climate produces slowly.

O God, hear us we pray,

Response: O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Priest/leader: O God, may we use the gift of our senses to see, smell, touch and taste your goodness shown in the daily bread we share. Bless us as we live our lives with awareness of your loving gift of the natural world. May we always be mindful of the hungry who share the earth with us and may we be generous in providing for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Set 2 – God's creation, food and us

Christ Jesus, You had compassion on the multitude and fed them. Help world leaders to do all in their power to feed the hungry of to day's world.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Loving God, through your love for the earth and its fruits, help us to redeem the harm we have done to our planet so that future generations may not go hungry.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Your resurrection, O Christ, has transformed our universe. Sensitize us to a new all embracing concern for our environment, and a humble regard for all creatures who share a common source, a loving Creator.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Christ Jesus, You come to us in the breaking of bread that we may celebrate our oneness with the whole community of life and give our lives in service. Help us to live more simply, that others may simply live.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Creator God, help us to love and care for the produce of land, sea and sky, recognising it all as your gifts to be cherished, protected and shared.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Christ Jesus, You assured us of God's love for us. May we always respect our bodies and spiritual welfare by the moderate use of the good gifts of our world.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

Response: O Lord, give us your love

Priest/leader: O God, in all our relationships with food, help us to be aware of the complex interdependent nature of all created life. May our meals be eaten in solidarity with creation and in communion with You. We ask this through Christ, the Bread of life. **Amen**