

34 Days and 34 Ways to Pray for Creation

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Christ in all things
restore our senses
and give us again
that experience of joy
in all created things.

Christ in all things:

in the waves breaking on the shore;
in the beauty of the sunset;
in the fragrant blossom of Spring;
in the music that makes our hearts dance;
in the kisses of embracing love;
in the cries of the innocent.

God of unchangeable ②
power, when you
fashioned the world the
morning stars sang
together and the host of
heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the
wonders of creation
and teach us to use all
things for good, to the
honor of your glorious
name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Yours the seed, yours ③
the growth; yours the
water, yours the
thirst; yours the wild,
yours the tame. You
are within me, O God,
and within all
creation—and you
are beyond. Shape
and fill me this day
and all creation with
your grace.

④
Set me free, O God,
to go off with you
today on one wild,
specific tangent after
another, immersed
and amazed in the
wonder and even
terror of your
immense creative
beauty.

⑤
Star-flinging Spirit,
you stop, stoop, kneel,
and embrace everyone
and everything in need
of your love and care.
May I join you today in
caring for your creation,
embracing my role
within the family of life.

⑥
Set me free, O God,
from my empire-prison
of human self-
importance. Help me to
serve you and your
creation with energy,
intelligence,
imagination, and love.

⑦
Grant us, O God, the
courage to choose
Jesus' way even at great
cost, bearing our cross
and releasing our
possessions, for the
liberation and healing of
your world; through
Jesus Christ the Wisdom
of Creation, who lives
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, now and
for ever.

⑧
Creator God, we
enjoy the abundant
fruits of the earth, yet,
we acknowledge that we
in the developed world,
have often wasted the
gifts of the earth, taking
more than our share,
leaving our sisters and
brothers in other places
in poverty and need.
Renew our minds and
transform us into
servants of the earth, so
that her richness and
bounty will sustain, not
only us, but generations
to come after us.

⑨
Shine in our
darkness, O God,
as the moon brightens
the way for mortals
and animals.
As day turns into
night, turn away from
us all evil and harm
with the power of
your Son, Jesus Christ.
A strong savior is he,
for ever and ever.

⑩
We give you thanks
Because earth's life
and fruitfulness flow
from you. And all times
and seasons reflect
your laws. We give you
thanks because you
created the world in
love. You redeemed the
world through love.
You maintain the
world by your love.
Help us to give our
love to you.

⑪
Help me, dear God,
to see my brother with
the eyes of Christ,
to hear my sister with
the ears of Christ,
to taste my neighbor's
hunger with the
mouth of Christ, to
smell creation's
beauty with the nose
of Christ, to touch the
world's pain with the
hands of Christ and to
love life, each life,
every life, with the
heart of Christ.

<p>12 Erase all the lines, O God, that I have drawn in my mind to separate the life that is “not-me” from the life that is “me.” Enlarge the boundaries of my heart to include soil and water, air and animals, friend and stranger— all that, in Christ, you’ve called me to love and nourish.</p>	<p>13 God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	<p>14 O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</p>	<p>15 Into your arms, loving Lord, let me “freefall,” upheld by your goodness and mercy. Secure in your embrace, show me how to love without effort, trust without fear, and live with abandon.</p>
<p>16 Lord Jesus, may I trust the faithfulness of your Father who feathers and feeds the birds. In the people I meet, the places I go, the food that I eat, help me to see and hear, taste and touch the abundance of your grace within the landscape of your love. Set me free from anxiety and the burden of excess so that I may share with others the gifts I have received.</p>	<p>17 Lord, you love life; we owe our existence to you. Give us reverence for life and love for every creature. Sharpen our senses so that we shall recognize the beauty and also the longing of your creation, and, as befits your children, treat our fellow creatures of the animal and plant kingdoms with love as our brothers and sisters, in readiness for your great day, when you will make all things new.</p>	<p>18 Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all your mercy and pity and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion gentle hands and kindly words. Make us ourselves to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessing of the merciful.</p>	<p>19 Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Guide us in your holy creation, to walk through this world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until the coming of your reign.</p>
<p>20 Each day, every moment, you place your hand of blessing upon the brow of creation. In your touch, in your words, everything flowers, everything remembers the deep, perfect loveliness within. The deep, perfect loveliness of you.</p>	<p>21 Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</p>	<p>22 Untamed Spirit: Rough up my conventional values with the wildness of your love and creativity. Help me to let go of my need to predict and control and let me enter the unmapped regions of your grace.</p>	<p>23 Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made. Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected to everything that is.</p>

<p>24</p> <p>You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lord, speak to us through the beauty of the earth: from the rising of the sun till dusk and the moon and the stars at night, your beauty is there for all to see.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Praise to you, our God and Creator! Your creativity is matched by your compassion! Today is a new day in the life of creation. Let me see and hear, taste, touch, and smell the thrill of your grace the pulse of the Spirit in and through all creation.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air, on which our lives depend moment by moment. In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete dependence on our beloved Mother Earth who nurtures us and sustains our every breath.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>God of love, show us our place in this world, as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth. They came forth from your hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.</p>	<p>October 1</p> <p>God whom we love, we stand before you with open and humble hearts. In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us - Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans, Forest, meadows, trees, flowers.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Creator Spirit: as the earth, so beautiful, so warm, receives and reflects the sunlight, so may we receive and reflect your love.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.</p>	