

And the world came together as the people stayed apart. ¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



INTENTIONS

We pray for the beauty of the earth and for our brothers and sisters.

We pray for those suffering economic, political, social and physical hardship.

We pray for those in need of spiritual healing.

We pray for those who are searching for God and for meaning in life in a time of great challenge.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (148)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up his people,
praise for all his faithful, for the people who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

WE REFLECT

In this *Season of Creation*, no matter how difficult things may appear we remember the gifts of our loving God for us personally and in community.

We thank God for the gift of creation and we show the world what love for creation looks like.

We ask guidance in working to change our ways and to live in harmony with how God wants us to live.

We pray for the courage to live more in communion with God and God's creation, and with one another.

Pause for a moment of reflection.

WE RESPOND

We read from Pope Francis in *Laudato Si! Praise Be!*

The rich heritage of Christian spirituality, the fruit of twenty centuries of personal and communal experience, has a precious contribution to make to the renewal of humanity... More than in ideas or concepts as such, I am interested in how such a spirituality can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world. (n. 216)

CLOSING PRAYER

Mary, our Good Mother who cared for Jesus, care for us now with your maternal affection at a time of pain in our wounded world. Together with the Risen Christ help us to reach the fullness of beauty. Help us to look at this world with the eyes of wisdom and teach us the ways of your Son.

God our Father who calls us to generous commitment and to give our all, strengthen us for the journey. Do not abandon us to hysteria and hopelessness. You are present in the whole universe and embrace us in tenderness. Pour out on us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace so that we may always recognise the worth of your creation and our sisters and brothers.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another

