

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 all those whose homes are threatened by rising sea levels.

Let us pray for our beautiful earth which offers life and nourishment.

In the face of uncertainty and fear, let us pray for humility and hope.

For what else shall we pray...

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

OPENING PRAYER

Sustainer God.

May we endeavour to live lives of simplicity and compassion.

As we are reminded, in this 'Season of Creation', let us create opportunities to love and to heal ourselves, each other and our world.

Amen.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah (29:11) - adapted

I know the plans I have for you my beloved, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

WE REFLECT

Many years ago, Teilhard de Chardin wrote:

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, humans will have discovered fire.



We have come a long way in harnessing the energies of wind and tides and gravity. But we have not yet learned to live so that every being in the world can flourish. For this we need to harness the Energies of Love for the healing of the world and the flourishing of all beings.

<https://www.contemplativeevolutionnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MEDITATION-FOR-WORLD-HEALING-flyer-3.pdf>

I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness
the astonishing light of your own being - Hafiz of Persia

We who are baptised into cosmic evolution, have a responsibility to evolve
and to help this creation also evolve towards universal unity - Sr Elia Delio

How do you recognise your astonishing light? How does that help others?

How do you nurture a sense of hope for the world?

WE RESPOND

Christian families and communities are united in Christ. In (Christ) we find our communion with each other, and with all of creation. In this unity with each other we strengthen our being one with Christ. (WFR 94)

There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. (Laudato Si 118)

Pause for a moment of reflection.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray this prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi

(Loving God and Sustainer of all life),
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.²

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***

¹ Jennifer Wagner, 2020

² <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers/saints-prayers/peace-prayer-of-saint-francis/>