

## **Daily prayer - Karakia For Our Climate Vigil for COP26**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters.

**Nā, ka whakapāho te Wairua o te Atua i runga i te kare o ngā wai.  
(and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters)**

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

*(Gen 1:1-3)*

Spirit of God,  
You established the dance of Creation;

bring life out of death  
bring order out of chaos.

Call us to radical action:  
to care for the web of Creation  
to share our resources justly  
and to work for the renewal  
of our mother, earth.

We light this candle as we commit ourselves to fast and pray for climate justice.

*[light a candle]*

*By Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town*

*Pause*

Creator God,

Bless the tears we shed for the resources we have squandered.  
Bless the sighs we breathe out for the atmosphere.  
Bless the heads we hang for the creatures lost and exploited.  
Bless the hands we wring for the things we have broken and wasted.  
Bless us as we lament.  
Cradle us as we regret.  
Restore us as we start afresh.

Amen

*By John Polhill*

*Psalm of the Day*

*Collect for the day*

[We will have a moment now as we offer up our intercessions. You may write your own intercessions in the comments section or say them in your hearts]

### *Silence*

Almighty God, there is no pain in our hearts or in our planet  
that you do not know,  
for you have touched the lowest places on earth.

Teach us to grieve with you, O Christ,  
the loss of all the beauty that is being killed.

There is no place in the heavens  
that cannot be touched by your resurrection presence,  
for you fill all things.

Give us strength in your victory over death  
to grow into your way of love,  
which does not despair but keeps sowing seeds of hope  
and making signs of wholeness.

Under Christ's control  
all the different parts of the body fit together  
and the whole body is held together  
by every joint with which it is provided.

Open the eyes of humanity to our interconnectedness with all things.  
teach us to grow with each other  
and all living creatures through love.

*based on Ephesians 4:7-16 adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book*

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai. (Lord, have mercy.)

**E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai. (Christ, have mercy.)**

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai. (Lord, have mercy.)

### *The Lord's Prayer (one will be used)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

OR

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria,  
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

OR

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

*pause*

E te Atua o te aroha, our loving Creator,  
mountains and oceans,  
mighty kauri and playful tūī,  
ALL creation belongs to You.

Send your Spirit to renew our hurting world.  
Remind us of our role as caretakers and gardeners.  
Give us courage and strength  
to simplify our life,  
to share what we have,  
to bear the cost of change and  
to sow the seeds of hope for future generations.

Through Jesus Christ who is reconciling  
all things through the cross.

Amen

Kia noho te Wairua o te Runga Rawa ki a tātou.  
The divine Spirit dwells in us.

**Whakamoemititia a Ihowā.**

**Thanks be to God.**