



Evening Prayer from Iona Celebrating Creation

Opening Sentences

Beneath the mists of time,
before the world began,
beyond our understanding;
in the beginning ... God.

Fathering history,
mothering creation,
parenting earth's people
from the beginning ... God.

Expecting the right moment,
preparing the right way,
revealing the right person
for each new beginning ... God.

We believe in one God.
Maker and mover of heaven and earth.

Prayer

Let us pray

God,
God the Maker,
maker of colour, sound, texture, quietness,
and restless beauty in living things.
We bless you.

God,
God our Maker,
maker of granite and mustard seed,
of grey cloud and starlight,
of earthquake and heartbeat.
We bless you.

God,
God our Maker,
make of all that is unseen,
of all that has been,
of all that words could never capture.
We bless you.

God,
God our Maker,
we, the children of your love,
the creatures of your kindness,
the guardians of creation, bless you.

**We bless you for your making,
your trusting,
your loving,
your never-ending goodness,
Amen.**

Psalm 8

O, Lord our God,
how glorious is your name in all the earth;
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

**On the lips of children and babies.
You have found praise
to foil your enemy
to silence the foe and the rebel.**

When I look at the heavens,
the work of your hands,
at the moon and stars which you arranged,
what are human beings
that you should remember them,
mere mortals
that you should care for them?

**You have made them in your own image
and crowned them with glory and honour;
you have given them the responsibility
for your handwork
and put all things under their dominion.**

All of them, sheep, and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air and fish
that make their way through the waters.

**O Lord, Our God,
how glorious is your name
in all the earth.**

Word of God

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

Our ears are open.

John Chapter 1 verses 1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection and Silence

Prayers

Let us pray for God's world.

That its beauty may be preserved,
That the poorest nations of the world
may not harvest their fields
only to fill foreign tables.
Lord, hear us.

That Christ who pointed to the birds,
the flowers, the corn, the sunset,
might not find their beauty lacking
were he to return.
Lord, hear us.

Let us do as Jesus said...
Consider the lilies of the field,
think of the birds of the air...
and as we do so, we pray for the welfare of the world its people and
all creation...

Hear us, Creator of all;
convert the hearts of those who ravage the earth
and strengthen the resolve of those who respect it.
And since the earth is your gift to us,
prevent us from destroying by thoughtlessness
that which is not ours to own.
Amen.

Blessing

Bless to us, O God.

**The moon that is above us,
the earth that is beneath us,
the friends who are around us,
your image deep within us,
the rest which is before us.
Amen.**

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