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Prayers of Grace

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Eucharist and Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home

Liturgical Resources to Celebrate a

Catholic Season of Creation during September

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[prayers written to be prayed out loud]

22C [Si 17; Ps 67; Heb 12; Lk 14]

Grace of Home

***Pulsating through our world, oceans and land
the tropics and artic, our home
flows the presence of God
loving a myriad of creation faces.***

***Embracing every species in its habitat
with a niche for the smallest
a preferred place for ones pushed to the side -
the Spirit lives in every atom, life and species.***

***Jesus taught to look to the flowers of the fields
beautiful outpourings of God's self-giving
cared for in loving kindness, fragile
at risk without the aid of friends.***

***God's covenant promise
imbedded in earth as our common home
is the Good News that heals and satisfies
gives hope and happiness.***

Creator God, we pray in thanks for earth as our common home.

23C [Ws 9; Ps 89; Phm 9; Lk 14]

Grace of God's Timeline

*A Universe evolving over billions of years
reveals a creative out-pouring of God's own self.
Misled to become slaves to passing whims
we can wonder at the time-lines set by God.*

*Rhythms of life show forth in the seasons,
circles of life are born in diversity,
the Spirit calling us to know, respect
and care for all earth's inhabitants as kin.*

*In God justice and mercy meet
inviting us to see consequences in our actions
to embrace precaution in our plans
to change, bearing the cross of humility like Jesus.*

*The heavens tell of the glory of God
delighting astronomers in every age
inspiring us to understand life patterns
and rejoice in new stories.*

Creator God, we thank you for our time in life.

24C [Ex 32; Ps 50; 1 T 1; Lk 15]

Grace of a Contrite Heart

***As a promise, God created a Chosen People
guiding them in deserts, freeing them from slavery
giving them a promised land as their home.
Today people flee eco-collapse in their homelands.***

***The scientific method discovers truth in the Spirit
calling us to respect findings on rapid climate change
to enter into dialogue without bias
to enact laws in compassion and justice.***

***Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son
and his father reaching out in forgiveness.
We are led to bury our pride and admit mistakes
to take the initiative in redressing harm.***

***New life flows from Gospel repentance.
Just as we rejoice in the prodigal son come to life
we celebrate the Pope's environmental encyclical
calling us to experience God in a new way of love.***

Creator God, we pray for the grace of reconciliation.

25C [Am 8; Ps 112; 1 T 2; Lk 16]

The Grace of love for Earth's Poor

*The providence of God gives earth its seasons.
The equinox sun sets glory over the equator
radiates tempering flowers south and colours north
inspiring poets and musicians to celebrate.*

*The balance shown in earth's seasons
has the Spirit at work with law makers
providing opportunities in bush, town and city
heading the twin cry of earth and the poor.*

*Jesus praised the unjust steward.
His followers are astute as the merchants of destruction
enacting laws to curb tax evasion and patenting abuses
caring for the marginalised and not just their own.*

*The creative power of God never rests
freeing us from slavery to money
inspiring honest business, work and care for earth
to bring happiness and fulfilment to all creation.*

Creator God, we pray for courage to care for earth's poor.

26C [Am 6; Ps 145; I Tm 6; Lk 16]

The Grace to be Faithful

*God the creator keeps faith with the universe forever
in the evolving journey of planets, plants and animals
loving humanity and guiding our journey
to become the saints God wants for our time.*

*Each person has a vocation under the Holy Spirit
to nurture family and serve their neighbour
sustaining scientists and martyrs dedicated to earth
so that it flowers as God has ordained.*

*Jesus taught parables about the dangers of pride
guiding people, church and national leaders in truth
to choose pathways that sustain hope
leading to true joy for the total Earth Community.*

*Aware of the frailties of human nature
the Gospel forms us to read the signs of the times
to act with respect and patience
fulfilling our particular vocation to be Good News.*

Creator God, we pray for the gift to be faithful.

27C [Hab 1; Ps 94; I T 1; Lk 17]

Prayer for the Gifts of Harmony, Peace and Joy

*God takes us beyond what our minds can imagine
beyond the limits we put on our hearts
knowing that the cosmos and all earth creatures
are brother and sister as St Francis knew.*

*The Spirit has us look beyond our borders
to serve all nations with structured relief
to love land, sea and skies, bathing in their mystery
growing lives of harmony, peace and joy.*

*The teachings of Jesus are radical, demanding
but lead to a new creation
where advocacy for people on the margins is heard
and advocacy to sustain our common home bears fruit.*

*God gives us music in the sound of waves
wind and the human voice.
Parish hymns proclaim God's dance of creation
moving forward to the end time in love for all.*

Creative God, we pray for the gifts of Harmony, Peace and Joy.