



18 - 25 October 2020

**IT'S OUR WORLD**  
**LET'S MAKE IT BETTER**



**Creation Reflection  
with  
commitment  
pledges**

# One World Week 2020

Seeks to engage us in addressing:

- How INTERCONNECTED climate and nature are with our lifestyles
- Our RESPONSIBILITY to secure a green and sustainable future for our children
- How to seize the moment of recovery from coronavirus to MAKE OUR WORLD BETTER



*"If we act now  
we can yet put it right"*

**David Attenborough**

# Reflection

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Prayers and Readings  
based on the Creation  
story

***“Praise and glory to the  
Lord who in the  
beginning created the  
universe.”***



# Light and Dark

God commanded, “*Let there be light*”—and light appeared. God saw that it was good.

Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light “*Day*” and the darkness “*Night.*”

Illustrations of creation Thanks to Galih Reza Artist.



# Let Us Pray:

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Praise and glory to the Lord for giving us day to work and night to rest.

Guide us to make good use of our time to know when to work and when to rest.

***One world created, shared by all!  
Sustain us to work together as  
good stewards of the earth.  
Together let's make it better.***



# Sky, Earth and Sea

God commanded, *“Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places”*—and it was done.

So, God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water above it. He named the dome *“Sky.”*

God commanded, *“Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear”*—and it was done.

He named the land *“Earth,”* and the water which had come together he named *“Sea.”* And God saw that it was good.



# Let Us Pray:

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Praise and glory to the Lord for giving us the sky, the sea and the earth.

Guide us to respect the wonders of this place as we journey through this life.

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# Plants

God commanded, *“Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit”*—and it was done. So, the earth produced all kinds of plants, and God saw that it was good.



# Let Us Pray:

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Praise and glory to the Lord for giving us an amazing number of plants and trees, for food, for beauty and to produce oxygen for us all to breath.

Guide us to a better understanding of how to be better gardeners, farmers, environmentalists and conservationists.

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# Sun, moon and stars

God commanded, *“Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals begin; they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth”*—and it was done.

So, God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the stars.

He placed the lights in the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.



# Let Us Pray:

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Praise and glory to the Lord for giving us the sun, the moon and the stars to light our way and creating an atmosphere where life can thrive.

Guide us to be more courageous in speaking out against those things that damage the world.

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# Fish, birds and animals

God commanded, *“Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds.”*

So, God created the great sea monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds. And God saw that it was good.

God commanded, *“Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small”—and it was done. So, God made them all, and saw they were good.*



# Let Us Pray:

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*Praise and glory to the Lord for the marvelous diversity of creatures.*

*Grant us the wisdom to deepen our understanding of the biodiversity and interdependence of all living things.*

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# Humankind

Then God said, *“And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have stewardship over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.”*

So, God created human beings, making them to be like himself. God looked at everything he had made and saw that it was good.



# Let Us Pray:

Praise and glory to the Lord our creator who knows and blesses everyone of us.

Guide us as we recognise our responsibility to each play a part in the flourishing of all creation, nature and humankind.

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# Commitment Pledges

For **OUR ONE WORLD** will you commit to one Act:

- To a lifestyle change
- To better care for our neighbours
- To secure a future for all creation

As **we act to make our world better:**

- Individually
- As a faith community
- In the wider world



# **Individually I commit to...**

## **Act to change my life style**

Reduce - buy less, give away stuff no longer useful, go for a renewable energy tariff, travel by public transport. Go electric – bike or car, eat less meat, buy local, walk more  
Reuse – up cycle, pass things on, buy second hand;  
Recycle, take my own cup, use cloth bags, buy recycled paper.

## **Act to better care for my neighbour**

Dispose of goods on local freecycle site or charity shop.  
Help at local repair café.  
Get involved in local visiting group or group that helps with gardening. Volunteer to help those who cannot go out.  
Start a walking or cycling group, share lifts in my car.

## **Act to secure a better future for all creation**

Cultivate plants for insects, bees and birds to eat and live. Become a tree warden. Volunteer for litter picking or local environmental charity. Use the car less.  
Look for ideas in “L is for lifestyle” by Ruth Valerio, recently updated. Join Green Christians <https://greenchristian.org.uk/>

# **As a faith community We will commit to....**

## **Act to change our life Style**

Change to renewable energy tariff, use low energy products, highlight events like *Walk to Church Sunday*, use less paper, use real cups when possible and otherwise recyclable. Turn heating down 1 degree

## **Act to better care for our neighbour**

Support a charity locally and overseas that encourages tree planting, sustainable farming, Fairtrade, education. Collect recyclables for charity. Use ethically sourced products, Fairtrade teas and coffees. Help neighbours with shopping and, once Covid rules allow, invite neighbours in, offer hospitality, adapt for disability access. Bring people to our worship.

## **Act to secure a better future for all creation**

Green any land around our place of worship. Try to create less waste, less plastic. Use electronic mailing where possible. Look at improving our energy efficiency. Use cleaning products without harmful chemicals  
Look at eco church awards: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

# In the wider world

– I will support a commitment to:

## Act to change my life style

Support my local community with greening projects, litter picks, tree planting, recycling schemes.  
Lobby for national changes for a green and fair recovery, affordable transport. Supporting cycling and foot path routes.

## Act to better care for my neighbour

Get involved in civil society -serve as a local councillor, volunteer in local neighbourhood group, lobby councillors and your MP. Look at what I could do build community in my own street.  
Campaign and fund raise for a global charity.

## Act to secure a better future for all creation

Support petitions asking government to bring in legislation to use less fossil fuel ( Christian Aid )  
Help a nature group. Speak up.

# Blessing

Lord of all creation

We thank you for all the wonders of the universe. We praise you for this opportunity to come together this day as part of the family of all humankind.

May our prayers and actions help to build a just , more equal, inclusive and peaceful world that safeguards environmental resources now and for future generations.

May the Lord Bless us and all our endeavours in committing to these pledges to act now .....



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