

## Night Prayer during Creationtide

October 2021

*The word of God*

*A suitable short Scripture reading is shared followed by a brief reflection for a good night's rest*

### *Preparation*

Welcome

*We light a candle, start to settle, bring the events of the day to God*

As we gather, think of yourself strongly rooted,  
like a tree, with your roots sunk into the deep spring of God,  
which will never run dry.

Blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord  
**Such a person is like a tree by the waterside,  
That thrusts its roots into the stream.**

When the heat comes, it has nothing to fear, its foliage stays green:

**Untroubled in a year of drought. It never stops bearing fruit.**

Lord deepen our trust this night

**That in you we may grow strong and bear much fruit.**

### *Confession*

*We confess our sins and the sins of the society of which we are a part*

God our Father, we are sorry

For the times we have used your gifts carelessly

And acted ungratefully

For the time we have forgotten,

That the fruits of the harvest are given by you

For the times we have been thoughtless

And not cared enough for the world you have made

**Father in your mercy**

Forgive us and help us

Lord In all your creation

We see the profusion of growth, the variety of fruits, your way of renewal

In every acorn, there is the potential for a forest

In every apple pip, there is potential for an orchard

In every life, there is the potential for your Kingdom to be planted

**O Lord may your kingdom come**

**In us and in all creation.**

### *Prayers*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here. Our focus remains on God's call to be stewards of His creation.*

### *Conclusion*

*A Gaelic blessing*

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you

Deep peace of Christ over you this night