Prayer for restoration

Creator God,
from the tree of the garden of Eden,
to the tree in the city in Revelation,
we thank you for your vision of creation healed.

Help us to be your agents of restoration,
tending to the beauty of the Earth,
and enabling your healing of the nations.

Amen.

Prayer of lament

O God, the heavens are not glad, the earth does not rejoice
warming gases fill the atmosphere pollution turns clean air
foul climate breakdown wreaks havoc.

The sea roars with the grief of all the plastic that fills it
of the destruction of coral reef.
The fields exclaim despair
for delayed rains and prolonged drought for species extinction
on a daily basis.
No song of joy rings out from the trees of the forest
decimated by forest fires.

How long O God, how long until your justice comes for all your
creatures and the earth.
In you we put our trust.

Amen.

Prayer for transformation

‘I will give them a new heart, and put a new spirit within them;
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them
a heart of flesh..’ Ezekiel 11:19

Our God,
we pray for transformation
of hardened hearts and closed minds
resistant to the changes needed
for sustainable and thriving future
for all of creation
for stones of apathy and indifference
to become hearts of concern and compassion,
for stones of self-preservation
to become hearts of secure generosity,
for stones of fear of scarcity
to become hearts of generous abundance

Children hold up their hands at a church service near the village of Kyeng’e.
for stones of judgement and shame
to become hearts of mercy and grace
for the stones of longing and consumerism
to become hearts satisfied and in communion
with your phenomenal creation

Transform us by your Spirit
That we might be your people
And you, our God.
In your name we pray,

Amen.

**A prayer based on the hymn ‘How Great Thou Art’**

Our souls sing out a joyful song,
Our souls sing out how great thou art.
We consider the works you have made
The stars of the night, the leaves
of the trees
The birds of the air the oceans
and streams.

Our souls sing out a mournful song,
Our souls grieve before our God.
We consider the works our hands
have made;
The warming of the planet,
the rising of seas
The wilting of the harvest,
devastating communities.

Our souls sing out a contrite song
Our souls bow down low.
We regret the works our hands
have made;
The impact on the poorest,
the livelihoods lost
The deepening of poverty, the
environmental and human cost

Our souls sing out a penitent song,
Our souls turn back to what is right.
We consider the good works our
hands can make;
The words of justice we can speak,
the acts of love we can give
The hand of solidarity we can extend, for

others to fully live.

Our souls sing out a hopeful song
Our souls look to the Lord, where
our hope comes from
We consider the works you call us to;
The love of our neighbour,
the stewardship of the earth
The flourishing of all creation,
the wonder of its worth.

(Christian Aid/ Jess Hall)

**Christian Aid Week Prayer**

Great God,
Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens
Hear the cry of the people
Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair
Hear the cry of the people
Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes
submerged
Hear the cry of the people,
When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance
Give us hope, grant us salvation,
Give us a new relationship with creation
With reverence to tend this gift from You
And say once again of the earth and all you created

It is GOOD.
(Bob Kikuyu Global Theology Advisor, Christian Aid)

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