

Celebrating God's justice

God of peace,

Today in the wilderness

Springs beauty like water

Seeds lie in the dry earth

Awaiting the rains

Where parched desert cracked,

will flow mighty rivers

In a garden of plenty

Trees yield up their fruit

Together in your love

We will realise our tomorrow

With all those who scattered,

Gather our crops

In farms, fields and cities

We will celebrate your justice

And in loving community

Reap a harvest of hope.

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Respect for the earth

Grant us a spirit of concern for the future of our environment;
Bring an end to the exploitation of the earth's scarce resources;
Encourage us to be responsible stewards of your creation.

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

Grant us a spirit of respect, recognising the value and integrity of each person;
Encourage us to be accepting of ourselves and of others.

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

Help us become advocates of peace, bringing an end to conflict and division;
Renew our commitment to challenging the causes of injustice.

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

Grant us a spirit of openness to see God within and around us;
Help us rejoice in the good we have experienced as we move forward to the future;
Help us use our senses to celebrate beauty and creativity in the world.

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

Grant us a spirit of truth to recognise failings, which have hurt us, others and the world;

Give us the humility to ask forgiveness for our part in any wrongdoing;

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

Grant us a spirit of generosity to reach out in trust to those we encounter;
Help us to embody God's love in our relationships with one another.

Response: Lord, make us prophets of our time

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The splendour of your creation

Loving Creator God,

We gaze in wonder

At the splendour of your creation.

Rich carpeted fields of yellowing grain

And overflowing baskets of ripe fruit.

A banquet of fine wines and rich food,

A feast spread out for all to share.

Help us to learn from your generosity

How to share our bread with the hungry

And to commit ourselves to preparing

A banquet for all peoples,

A generous feast for all to share.

Amen.

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Toxic lifestyles, toxic waste

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Toxic greed and toxic hate

Toxic dams and toxic dreams

Toxic water, toxic streams

Toxic power, toxic taste

Toxic rush and toxic haste

Toxic logging, toxic air

Toxic people, we don't care

Stop!

Listen to the voice of God

In the wilderness

In the emptiness

Still the storm of progress

Slow the avalanche of waste

Listen to the still small voice

Of calm.

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You made the earth

For the richness of the harvest
And the gifts of your creation
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

For the smiles of your children
And the beauty of your people
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

For the chance to share with others
And to celebrate your glory
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

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