

# Respect

## *THE GATHERING PRAYER*

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

## *THE GATHERING PSALM OF PRAISE*

### **Psalm 34:9-14**

- <sup>9</sup> O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.
- <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- <sup>12</sup> Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- <sup>14</sup> Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

## *THE GOSPEL*

### **Mark 15:42-47**

## *REFLECTION AND REPOSE TO THE GOSPEL*

*Reflect and Respond to the Gospel:*

1. What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel?
2. What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?



3. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

*APOSTLE'S CREED*

*Officiant and People together:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYER*

Creator,

We thank you for every day in your creation, Help us to respect all living things in our creation, including those that are different to us.

Give us the patients and loving kindness to respect one another and always show love and compassion. No matter what race, age, gender or religion they may be, help us to be fair and just to them.

Help us to listen to everyone and unite us in Christ our Saviour.

Comfort and protect all your children and help us to make your churches and your creation a richer place to live. **Amen**

*THE COLLECT*

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*BLESSING*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

or *GRACE*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**