

## Liturgy - 'All Creation is Groaning' (Romans 8:22)

*We put our trust in You, O Lord, be our strong arm each morning, our salvation in time of distress.*

LET US BRING TO MIND when we have been mindful of our role in nature, our place in creation, let us humbly recognise our place and purpose in the animal kingdom.



So let us pray,

Enlarge within us O God our Maker, the sense of fellowship with all living things, our brothers and sisters the animals to whom, in common with us, You gave the earth as home.

LET US BRING TO MIND our wonder both at the simplicity and complexity of all living things, remembering and respecting the fragility of our inter-connectedness



So let us pray,

God our Creator as we discover more and more about ecosystems and the value of biodiversity make us hesitant to disturb the wonderful balance of nature created by You and make us ever more grateful for all that You provide, in the name of Jesus the Lord.

LET US BRING TO MIND our joy in discovering the works of God



So let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of life on earth and its living creatures. Grant that as we come to probe the mysteries of creation, we may come to know You more truly, love You more dearly, and more confidently fulfil our role in Your eternal purpose, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

May Your whole creation serve you for You spoke and they came into being. *(Sir 43: 23-30)*



Where can we find the strength to praise him?

For he is greater than all his works

Awesome is the Lord and very great,

And marvelous is his power.

Glorify the Lord and exalt him and when you exalt him.

Summon all your strength, and do not grow weary,

For you cannot praise him enough.

*(Sir 43: 23-30)*