

Care for Our Common Home Prayer Service

Middle Primary Years 3 - 4

Preparation:

Students prepare a statement ahead of time, to bring to the liturgy, outlining what they are going to do to Care for Our Common Home. This could be on a picture that represents what they are going to care for.

For example:

I will walk towards the future by... this is how I will Care for Our Common Home.

Examples of pictures may include, clouds, flowers, leaves, people, animals.

Set up a prayer space. It may include the following: liturgical colour, prayer cloth or mat, bible, candle and cross/crucifix. A rain stick or clapsticks would also be useful to use as a call to prayer.

Prepare some quiet music to be played throughout.

We Prepare and Gather

Gather students around a prayer space.

Light the candle (light) in the centre of the prayer space.

Draw students in with the sound of a rain stick or clapsticks, follow with a moment of silence and then make the Sign of the Cross together.

We Listen

We begin by listening to God's word, reminding us how we have been called to look after our world.

Invite someone to read Genesis 2:15

Reader: *A reading from the book of Genesis,*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

All: *Thanks be to God*

We Respond

Leader: *These past weeks we have been working on ways that we can specifically Care for Our Common Home and walk into the future. Let us bring our prayers before God our creator.*

Invite students to pray for the needs of the world that they have seen during the past few weeks they have been exploring Care for Our Common Home.

Leader: *... Lord hear us*

Response: *Lord hear our prayer*

Invite students one at a time to read their prepared statement and place in somewhere in the sacred space. (Quiet music could play at time time)

We Go

Leader: *Let us pray,*

Creator of the Universe,

You made us in your image and likeness and have asked us to till and keep the earth.

Guide our choices and help us to walk into the future by Caring for Our Common Home.

We make this prayer in your name.

Amen.

Conclude with a sign of the cross and the sound of the rain stick or clapsticks.