



Parish of Holy Trinity, Killiney



The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it; Psalm 24, v1.

Eco Congregation Monthly Prayers 2023-2024

from HTK
Parish Community

on

Encouraging how we combat climate change and
biodiversity in our daily lives

Thank you to all who contributed

**A Prayer for October 2023
from the Sunday Club,
submitted by Bethany Wilkinson**

Dear Lord, we are thankful for all you have created and do not want it ruined by global warming. We thank you for our homes, our schools and places like Sunday Club. Lord, please help us to appreciate and to be grateful for what we have, and not to take it for granted. Dear Lord, we all play a part in global warming, and we forget that we are disrespecting our planet. Lord, please help us to remember these things so that we can protect our planet. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for November 2023
submitted by Henry Irvine,
Reading Rota Co-Ordinator**

Consider the lilies of the field. That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If this is what Jesus said this about one of his flowers, then we should view these wonders with great care and look carefully at their beauty. We should use them to enhance the grounds of his church. We must remember the variety of all the shapes and colours of these wonderful flowers. Recalling the first signs of spring, the snowdrops and the wonderful colours of the crocuses which foretell the end of winter and the coming of spring with all God's promises. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for December 2023
submitted by Charlotte Wride,
member of the Parish Choir**

Lord God, we thank you for our Parish Choir and the joy we get from singing together. We give thanks for the song of Your Creation

also, the birds singing in the morning, the waves crashing against the shore, the wind blowing through the trees. We ask that all may recognise the beauty of Your Creation and act in care and love towards all living things. As Psalm 23 says; You are the good shepherd who leads us to green pastures and still waters. Give us the strength and the willingness to be good shepherds and examine our lives to see what small changes we can make. We pray that You may inspire in our leaders a change of mindset, and a new resolve to move away from an economic model of unlimited growth, towards a sustainable and equitable way of life for all, so that future generations can live peacefully on this planet. We promise to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who also walked this earth, and work with love, compassion and hope to be a powerful force for good in this world.

The earth is full of Your unfailing love. May your faithful love rest on us, Lord, for we put our hope in You. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for January 2024
submitted by People's Church Warden,
Lewis Purser**

Dear Lord, At the start of this New Year and as we look forward eagerly to the first signs of spring, let us also feel the awakening of a new beginning in our lives so that we too may grow and blossom, warmed and nourished by your love and care. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for February 2024
submitted by Pamela Unger,
member of the congregation**

Lord God,
As God's children our world means the world to us, and we are trying to keep it safe for all Your creations, whether in the oceans,

on land or in the sky, please help us. We thank you Lord God for the beauty that surrounds us and let us try and share it with those who are not as fortunate. May we try to bring friendship and laughter to those we meet on our journey here on earth. Thank you, Lord God. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for March 2024
submitted by Stephen Franck,
member of the congregation**

Lord, as we see the signs of Spring all around us in the natural world, we are reminded that our very existence depends on the bounty of your Nature in all its amazing diversity. We give thanks for the dedicated people in conservation organisations who, through research, advocacy and action, strive to protect species and their habitats. Let us all act as stewards of our world, being always mindful of how our actions - whether individually or collectively - can have beneficial or negative impacts on biodiversity and the environment. Tread softly and sustainably. Amen.

**A Prayer for April 2024
submitted by Vanessa Mitchell,
member of the congregation**

Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." Lord, we acknowledge how blessed we are to live in this benign land where our sustenance comes plentifully from the rich soil beneath our feet and where fruits, vegetables and grains are in abundance. In this century, we risk losing sight of the vital gift that is the helpful ecosystem that has existed in our fields and kept us safe since time immemorial; we lose sight of it in favour of the artificial and the

lure of short-term gain. When we drink a cup of water, we must refill that cup to drink again. In using artificial fertiliser, we are not returning anything to our precious soil, to the point that the soil loses its value and becomes dirt. Lord, within the ecosystem on our Irish farms, You have given us the large and glamorous horse, cow, pig and sheep to aid in the enrichment of the precious commodity that is our soil. But You have also given us the inconspicuous and modest dung beetle, whose work is no less essential as it burrows and turns over the earth carrying nitrogen below the surface, keeping pest life at bay, providing for the soil's nutritional needs, bringing about healthier crops and allowing the land to hold more water. In Your wisdom You have supplied us with these tiny farm workers to perform the perfect role of being the unseen caretakers of the smaller-still microbial life that is vital to our existence. Lord, bless our farmers in the hard work they do to cultivate the land and keep us nourished. Help them, where possible, to see the difference between false economy and long-term life enrichment. Help them to care for the land, to honour the horse and pay homage to the dung beetle in equal measure, to see the wood for the trees and to do Your work for the betterment of Your creation. Help us all to do the same. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for May 2024
submitted by Caren Matau,
member of the congregation**

It is not about the efforts that we put in conserving and protecting the environment but your will that lets us do so. God, we thank you for rain that helps the trees grow, wind that makes the roots stronger and sunlight that supports photosynthesis. For without all these, we would not have nature. You are the true protector and conservator of our surroundings. God, please fill us with wisdom and grant us knowledge on how to help you protect our environment. Give us strength and willpower so that we may all love the environment as much as you. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for June 2024
submitted by Joan King,
member of the Parish Choir**

Lord, we pray that people everywhere become more caring about the environment in which we live. Help us to appreciate nature, how the components of ecosystems interact and how changes to these ecosystems, for example overproduction of carbon and methane, can affect our climate, putting at risk natural sustainable ecological balance. We understand that we are custodians of the earth and that it is our duty to care for it for future generations. Lord, give us strength and determination to do our duty and to encourage others to do the same. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for July 2024
submitted by Meriel Nuzum,
member of the congregation**

God of creation, help us to be wise stewards of our natural world. As we recognize the conflict between our fast-moving lifestyles and our responsibility to care for our planet, guide us in our daily lives to choose environmentally-friendly options which protect our finite resources. Help us to recognize that each individual can make small changes which will benefit the goals of the wider community to create a sustainable future for all. As we give thanks for the natural beauty and biodiversity that we see around us we ask your blessing on all those who work in areas of ecological protection and sustainability at global, national, local and community levels. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for August 2024
submitted by Sylvia Hurley,
member of the Flower Guild**

Dear Lord, awaken your church to the needs of the natural world. Inspire us to unite together to care for your creation. We pray for endangered species. Help us to understand the complex problems and to be able to take action to save plants and animals in decline. Forgive us, Lord, for often exploiting your creation. Bring healing to our lives so that we may protect the world, not misuse it, that we may sow beauty, not destruction. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for September 2024
submitted by Libby McElroy,
a member of the Parish Choir and Sheep Thrills**

Let us listen to the sounds of the world, the dawn chorus, bees in the lavender, the earth drinking in the recent rain and remember those who have no rain. Help us in striving to maintain our immediate environments so that the ripples of ecological good may spread far and wide. **Amen.**

Eco Congregation

Green Team Mission

Caroline Elliott Kingston, Helen Middleton, Bryan Burdett, Henry Irvine, Mark Heaton, Lewis Purser, Melanie Purser, Eric Brown, Natalie Mc Connell, Nigel Teggin, Joan Millar

- Encourage Climate change & Biodiversity throughout our church, church grounds & Hall.
- To continue environmental check-ups in each of the following,
 Spiritual, Practical, Community, Global
- We encourage everyone to get involved and if anyone has any suggestions, please contact any of the Team.

If you would like to submit a prayer, please contact Joan at 087 2460078

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