

GOD'S WORLD: *Our responsibility?*

This prayer was written for PCI's 'God's world: Our responsibility' conference (Sept 2025) and is available as a resource for congregations. It can be used at any time and may be appropriate during Harvest Thanksgiving services.

A Creation Prayer

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

For this gift, we are thankful.

Before God and with the people of God today in this place, we confess to turning away from Him in ways which wound our lives, wound the lives of others and wound the life of the earth.

We ask You to have mercy on us.

Before God, and with the people of God today in this place, we confess to the sin of human pride which allows us to imagine that the world is ours, and that it works according to our whims and wishes.

By this we dethrone you Lord – for the earth is yours and everything in it.

By this we wound our lives, wound the lives of others and wound the life of the earth.

We ask You to have mercy on us.

So, we affirm today that we are children of God the Father who has called us into his family, and made us citizens of his kingdom on earth.

We affirm that we are heirs with God the Son, our elder brother, that he having died for us, permits us to live to his honour and glory in this place.

We affirm that we are in-dwelt by God the Holy Spirit, called to bear witness to his transforming power and vision of the life to come with the earth renewed, and heaven opened.

In expectation of that great day, so we pray.

Amen.