

Three Prayers

Open our eyes, Lord

God of all,
you made the earth and saw that it was good,
but like robbers we have stripped it of its treasure.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Now the earth cries out
and your people hunger and thirst.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Open our eyes to see the pain of your creation
and move us with compassion for your world.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Lead us to act as neighbours,
who do not pass by on the other side.

Open our eyes, Lord.

So that together we may care for all that you have made
and with all creation sing your praise.

Open our eyes, Lord.

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Poem learning to say goodbye

By Susan Moser

as my heart breaks into yet more pieces over the world
all I want is to see more of it.
shower every corner with the soft rain of love.
go to the ends of the Earth.
sit there and touch it.
remember it.
thank it. be with it.
tend to it.
see it to the end and say, "we loved you"
Even if it was not enough.

Thank you

Lord God,
We thank you for the gift of life.
We thank and praise you for the mystery of creation.
We know that you are in us,
And we in you.
Guide us, therefore,
In our efforts
To hand on the earth to future generations,
So that others can seek to understand
Your will and purpose in the world,
Bring your love to perfection
And magnify your holy name.
Help us overcome godlessness with love.
Help us support and protect
the victims of climate change everywhere
Those who've lost
their homes or livelihoods
to the ravages of famine, fire and flood.
Teach us to live in peace
And harmony with all creation.
Amen.



Te Awa Kairangi