



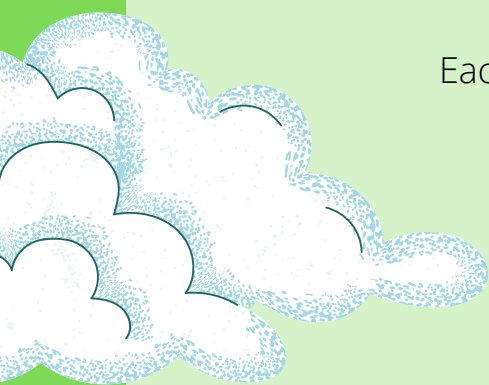
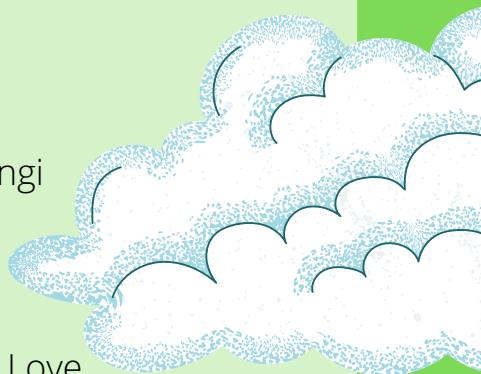
SEASON OF CREATION

He Karakia mō te Wā Orokohanga *A prayer for the Season of Creation*

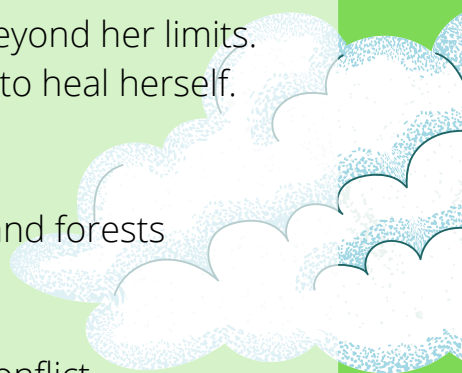


E te Kaihanga o te Ora Katoa,
anei ō mātou whakawhetai mōu.
Nā tō Kotahitanga Aroha noa tō tātou aorangi
Hei kāinga mō te katoa i hanga.

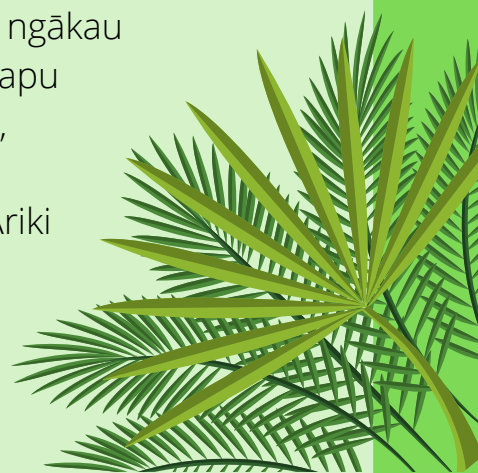
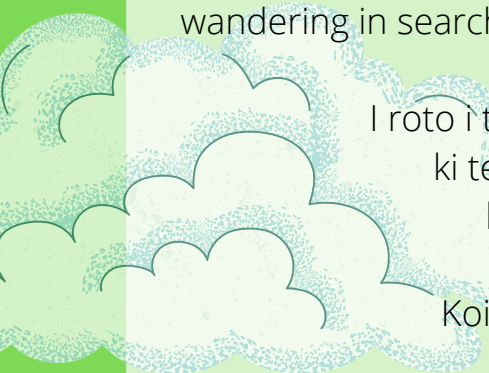
Creator of All Life,
we are grateful that from your Communion of Love,
you created our planet to be a home for all.
By your Holy Wisdom you created Earth to bring forth
a diversity of living beings
that fill our soil, waters and air.
Each part of creation praises you in its being,
and cares, each for the other,
from its place in the web of life.
With the Psalmist, we sing your praise,
that in your house
“even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young.”



We remember that you call human beings to tend your garden
in ways that honour the dignity of each creature,
and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.
We know our will to power has pushed our planet home beyond her limits.
Our consumption is out of harmony with Earth’s capacity to heal herself.
Habitats are barren and broken.
Species are lost and systems fail.
Where reefs and burrows, mountains, ocean deeps and forests
once teemed with life and relationships,
they now often lie broken, as if uncreated.
Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict,
migrating in search of peace.
Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine,
wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.



I roto i te Wā Orokohanga whakahari ō mātou ngākau
ki te mōhio kei te whai wāhi ki tō Wairua Tapu
ki te whakahou te mata o te whenua, ā,
ki te tiaki he kāinga mō te katoa.
Koira tō mātou īnoi i roto i te Ingoa o Te Ariki
arā, ko Hēhu te Kerito,
nōna te Rongo Pai me te ngākau pono
ki te orokohanga katoa i whakapānui.



In the Season of Creation,
we pray the breath of your creative Word to move our hearts,
as in the waters of our birth and baptism.
Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community.
Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant
and call to care for our common home.
In our tilling and keeping, our planting and tending
gladden our hearts to know
that we participate with your Holy Spirit
to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.
In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news and integrity
to all Creation, Jesus the Christ.
Amen.



Source: Season of Creation Celebration Guide <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>
Adaptation by Marist community of Ōtaki

