

# FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints  
Catholic Academy Trust



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## God's Wonderful Creation

### **gather**

We celebrated Earth Day on the 22nd of April. We can see this as an opportunity to praise God for the goodness of the creation. Let's us make the sign of the cross before we read God's word.



*In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.*

*He existed in the beginning with God.  
God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.  
John 1:1-3*

### **Reflect**

What should we be thankful for? For so many things, it is hard to focus on just a few. For the forests, the clear water that flows from the mountains, the red kites and killer whales, the flowering shrubs that give beauty to our neighbourhoods with flashes of pink and yellow, the variety of human life, and yes, even the rain (it has been plentiful). For all that we have, and all that we are, we owe thanks to God.

God created heaven and earth and said it was good. And, although we believe man is special in God's world, we are merely a part of the Creation - placed here by God.

Creation belongs to God - the land, the water, the animals, the air - all are God's. Have you seen the rainbows during the past month or so? They truly have been marvellous (the one below is a double one near my house). No one who has seen them can possibly doubt God's love for us.



*How are we supposed to take care of the Earth?*

That's a good question. Fortunately, the Bible provides help. In Genesis (Gen 2:15), when God placed the man in the garden and states "till it and keep it." This means we have the right to till the Earth in order to make it fruitful. But does this mean we are to till all of it? No, we also have the duty to "keep it" which means to protect it -- to "keep" the Earth by conserving it. "Till it" yes, but know when to stop.

God speaks to me through water - always has. I love streams, rivers and the ocean - it is here I can feel God's love filling me and strengthening me. When I look out to sea I am reminded how vast, timeless and endless God's love for me is.

Where do you feel closest to God?

For me, and perhaps for you, nature is the most real sign of God's presence. Our spiritual journey is still more mystery to me than understanding. But day by day, one step at a time, with God's help, the understanding grows, if we will take the time to listen for his guidance and read his holy word.

## Pray

Lord,

we thank you for this occasion to think about your creation and our duty to be good stewards of these gifts.

Help us to know that each of us has a key job in caring for the earth, by the choices we make and by the actions we take.

Give us good judgment to choose thoughtfully, and to act with care, to show our love for you, and your love of this good Earth, our home.

Amen.

## Something Extra

Why not have a go at creating something that will remind you of God's creation?

Click on the link to find lots of activities to keep you busy.

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/category/bible-crafts/ot-crafts/creation-old-testament/>



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