

Green Collects for the Season of Creation

[Particularly Year A, RCL, with the new lectionary for Feast of Creation in Christ]



Collects are short prayers, gathering together thoughts and intentions in Christian worship. These are offered for the weeks of the Season, but can, of course, be freely used on any occasion where they serve. [This collection, by Rev David Coleman, inspired by those in denominational resources]

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Green Collect prelude [Leading up to 1st September]

Continually Creative God
 who through such amazing love
 makes new all that we would discard and discount;
 grant, by the power of that Wild Wind, your Spirit
 to revive and remake even the convictions of our hearts.
 Weave purposefully all that has been twisted and knotted
 by greed, by pride, by sin and despair
 and shape a fabric of justice, compassion and faith
 to adorn and sustain your whole Creation
 through Christ, Incarnate, and Risen
 ever alive and at work with you and the Spirit
 With us to the End of the Age AMEN

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New Lectionary (for Creation in Christ) Week 1 Year A

God whose empowering Word
calls all you have made to be creative;
gifting to the life of the living planet
our own kind, above all,
as Earth for the Earth;
so may we always strive
to serve protect and cherish
those whom we have named as fellow creatures
Sustained by your loving determination,
God, the Wonderful, the Word, the Wind .AMEN

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Week 2 (RCL yr A)

God, the source of life and justice
liberate your people,
and unshackle the communion of Creation
from the confining idolatries of greed, pride and isolation
which make of life mere assets
expendable, and without value in our sight;
unlock with your forgiveness
the saving opportunities of repentance;
bless us with a just transition
to a world healed with love and respect
for all who live and breathe.
God, Always:
Creating, *with* Christ, *with* the Current of Life . AMEN

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Week 3 (RCL yr A)

Great Giver of Care and of Purpose;
may our enjoyment of your gifts
which nourish and sustain
nonetheless leave us hungry;
not for such 'food' as is given only
that those enslaved may serve injustice
but rather, may we be voracious
for the freedom, health and harmony
of all to whom you give this common home:
and the wisdom to direct our lives
to Earth's joy, your glory.

God, the Wonderful, the Word, the Wind. AMEN

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Week 4 (RCL Yr A)

Challenging God;
speak firm reason to our refuge in despair
stand up to those who steal authority
to slow or evade the change
which sets Earth free.
Illuminate with compassion
both our choices and their consequences
that we and those who share our world
may turn and live surprisingly
in joy and justice,
which praise you with every step:
God, Creating Community:
the Why, the Way and the Wherefore AMEN

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Week 5 (RCL Yr A) - And St Francis

Compassionate and always Creative God,
there is no speech, and no language of ours
which other than by deliberate fault
can exclude the conversation
of night to night or day to day;
the signs you give in sky and soil;
the song of heaven's birds,
the cries of voices beyond our own.
Help us to recognise in these,
as even in the sternest warnings
of our Lord Jesus Christ
the Good News which guides us
to healing and hope
as Friends of Jesus, who lives and guides
with you and the Holy Spirit,
to the End of the Age, and beyond.
AMEN.

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Additional Collect 5 [For fifth week of the Season]

Grant, God of wisdom and compassion
that your Church be awake and united
with all people of faith and goodwill
to the urgency of change at every level of human life
that, made resilient by faith to what yet may come
we perceive and proclaim
Christ's Great Commission
of Good News to every creature
whom you have called into being

and gifted with breath to praise you
One God: One Creative Community.Amen.