

Collective Worship for The Harvest Season: Teachers' Notes

The PowerPoints in this season are all drawn from the Christian creation story found in Genesis chapter 1.

The material offers questions for reflection, images and prayers.

You may wish to adjust the slides to include your own school vision or special elements of worship (such as a school prayer) as you feel appropriate.

It may be helpful, in some of the sessions, to supplement the images with real examples of harvest produce.

A particular part of the season is the 'Litany of Creation' which provides a structure for prayer, like this:

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants"

Plant prayers

God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and the air filled with birds."

Fish and bird prayers

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life"

Animal prayers

God created human beings and blessed them,

People prayers

God looked at everything and was very pleased.

Thank you prayer

This litany provides a framework to reflect or pray. The italic sections are intended to be replaced by actual prayers:

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants"

We pray for all the living things in our world.

Lord we pray that you will bless all the growing plants around the globe.

We ask that our crops grow well and that our farmers will gather in a great harvest.

God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and the air filled with birds."

Lord we pray for the creatures that live in water.

We ask that you guide us to keep all the world's water clean so that the life that lives there can flourish as your creation story says it should.

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life"

We pray Lord for all the animals in our beautiful world.

We thank you for our pets and the joy they bring and
We ask that we may care well for all those animals we farm for produce and food.

God created human beings and blessed them,
Lord we ask that we can all live peacefully
and share the many gifts that the harvest will bring us.

God looked at everything and was very pleased.
Thank you Lord for the world that you have made
And for the gifts that it gives to us every year.

Amen

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