

The Rhythm of Life

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To God the Father, who created the world;
To God the Son, who redeemed the world;
To God the Holy Spirit, who sustains the world;
Be all praise and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Silence)

Awaken us to your glory.

Dispel the darkness of night.

Awaken us to your glory.

Destroy our heaviness of heart.

Awaken us to your glory.

Cure the blindness of our sight.

Awaken us to your glory.

Heal the deafness of our ears.

Awaken us to your glory.

Open the mouth that is dumb.

Awaken us to your glory.

Restore a gentleness of touch.

Awaken us to your glory.

Encourage in us a sense of adventure.

Awaken us to your glory.

Bring us an awareness of you.

Awaken us to your glory.

PSALM 8

How exalted is your name in all the world!

O Lord our governor,
How exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them?
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honour.

You give them mastery over the works of your hands,
and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

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GENESIS 1.1, 26, 31

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth... God said, 'Let us make humankind in our own image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the seas, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

THE SONG OF CREATION

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens:
bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord, all you his hosts:
bless the Lord, you waters above the heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, sun and moon:
bless the Lord, you stars of heaven:
bless the Lord, all rain and dew:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all winds that blow:
bless the Lord, you fire and heat:
bless the Lord, scorching wind and bitter cold:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord, you nights and days:
bless the Lord, light and darkness:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, frost and cold:
bless the Lord, you ice and snow:
bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord, you mountains and hills:
bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you springs:
bless the Lord, you seas and rivers:
bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air:
bless the Lord, you beasts and cattle:
bless the Lord, all people on the earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God, bless the Lord:
bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord:
bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord, you that are holy and humble in heart:
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

To all explorers and scientists,
Father of all, give guidance.
To all artists and musicians,
Father of all, give guidance.
To all writers and broadcasters,
Father of all, give guidance.
To all who influence our lives,
Father of all, give guidance.
To all who strive for peace,
Father of all, give guidance.

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!
The heavens declare your glory,
the arch of the sky displays your handiwork.
In your love you have given us the power
to behold the beauty of your world in all its splendour.

The sun and the stars, the valley and the hills,
the rivers and the lakes, all disclose your presence.
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might;
the beasts of the field and the birds of the air
proclaim your wonderous will.
In your goodness
you have made us able to hear the music of the world.
The voices of loved ones
reveal to us that you are in our midst.
A divine song sings through all creation.

The holy and life-giving God,
teach you to reverence all his works,
to praise him in all you do.
to share in his work of creation,
and to live to his glory.