

Confession: Stewardship of creation

Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,
we confess to you that we have sinned.
We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful
of the resources you entrusted to us.

Polluted air and water,
eroded soil and salty earth,
birds and animals deprived of habitat,
and neighbours left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:
all these cry out against us.

We do not know how to restore what we have damaged,
and we repent in sorrow and distress.

Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy.
Give us grace to change our ways,
to make amends,
and to work together for the healing of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution: Restoration of creation

Our Saviour died and rose again
so that for all who live in him
there is a new creation.

Therefore I declare to you:
your sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen. Send out your Spirit, O Lord.
Renew the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of the earth.**

These prayers of confession and absolution were drafted by the Anglican General Synod Liturgy Commission in 2006. They are freely available for anyone to use. Please note that it complements the prayer resources already available in *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995).