

SMA Prayer for Creation

**All powerful God, we gather in your name
to praise and honour you present and living in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.**

**At the dawn of creation, you breathed on the waters of Chaos,
and brought the universe to birth,
and you embrace with tender love all that exists.**

**In the fullness of time you sent your Son into our world
to teach us how to live as your children.**

**Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,
that we may always appreciate and respect the work of your hands.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,
loving one another as you love us.**

**Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the earth, our common home, and not abuse it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who seek to enrich themselves
at the expense of the poor and the earth.**

**Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace in the world,
especially among Africans and people of African origin.**

**Teach us to discover the true worth of every blessed thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
and to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature, as we journey towards your infinite light.**

**Empower us to be bearers of the Light of your Son, Jesus Christ,
so that a New Creation may be accomplished in and through us. Amen.**

(Adapted from Creation Prayers in LAUDATO SÍ)