

NOONTIME PRAYER

As we pause to feed our bodies in the middle of the day, we pause also to feed our souls by vowing again to live faithfully.

OPENING **God's power, working in us,
does more than we imagine: Glory to God!**

PRAYER

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new: Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts so that, trusting in your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. *Galatians 6:9-10*

MEDITATION

Care ... rests upon genuine religion. Care allows creatures to escape our explanations into their actual presence and their essential mystery. In taking care of our fellow creatures, we acknowledge that they are not ours; we acknowledge that they belong to an order and harmony of which we ourselves are parts. To answer to the perpetual crisis of our presence in this abounding and dangerous world, we have only the perpetual obligation of care. (Wendell Berry)

At this hour, how are we being called to care for the world God so loves?

PRAYERS

For our deepest and most holy longings we pray:

Renew us, O God.

For all who wander, who hunger, who thirst:

Renew us as people of service and compassion.

For this planet, our home:

Renew our will to be healers of creation.

For this and every nation:

Renew in all people the will for good and the longing for peace.

For those whom we hold in our hearts:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Bless those we pray for, and us, and all creation, with your goodness,
and renew our trust in your love. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Source of life and blessing,
of garden, orchard, field:
Root us in obedience to you
and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit
that, perceiving only the good we might do,
our lives may be fruitful,
our labor productive,
and our service useful,
in communion with Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

CLOSING

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