



CREATIONTIDE

'When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.' Psalm 104:30

5 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION

1 SPEND TIME OUTSIDE AND IN PRAYER



REFLECTION

Often when we talk about creation care we forget to root ourselves in the practical - spending time in creation and in prayer for creation. It is out of God's love that our world has been made, and he invites us to experience it, to enjoy it and to care for it. Sometimes we can tirelessly work to preserve or care for God's world, but a good place to start is *experiencing* it. As Christians, any action begins in prayer; thanking God for creation, bringing our fears, anxieties or requests to him and receiving his vision of hope and call to care for creation afresh.



WANT MORE? WHY NOT TRY READING *BIBLE AND ECOLOGY* BY RICHARD BAUCKHAM



CARING FOR CREATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL

This week, commit to spending some time in creation each day. Whether it's a walk around your local community or park, 10 minutes in the garden or simply observing the birds and insects outside your window. Use the Tearfund *Prayer in the Park* guide to pray in your local community or simply pray, thanking God for the world he has created, repenting of when we've ignored his call to care for creation and praying for its renewal.



CARING FOR CREATION AS A CHURCH

Think about how your church community could spend more time in creation. Maybe it's taking coffee outside, maybe it's intercessions or a prayer meeting in the church yard, maybe it's a pilgrimage or walking group. Work to integrate creation care into intercessions and prayer time. Use the liturgy resources to integrate creation throughout your services.



RESOURCES

[Prayer Stations for Creation Care](#)
[Tearfund Creation Care Prayer in the Park Guide](#)
[A Rocha Quarterly Creation Care Prayer Diary](#)



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