Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving from Scripture

Gn 1:1-28  Creation Story
Gn 9:8-17  God’s Covenant with Noah and All Creation
Ps 8  The Majesty of God
Ps 65  Thanksgiving for God’s Blessings
Ps 104  Praise of God the Creator
Ps 146  Trust in God Alone
Ps 147  Zion’s Grateful Praise to Her Bountiful Lord
Ps 148  Hymn of All Creation to the Almighty Creator
Dn 3:52-90 Praise of God; Praise of God’s Creation
Jn 1:1-5  In the Beginning Was the Word
Rev 21:14 New Heavens and New Earth

Hymns

One of the following may be used to conclude the service:
All Creatures of Our God and King
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Come Rejoice Before Your Maker
Earth and All Stars
For the Beauty of the Earth
For the Fruits of This Creation
For the Healing of the Nations
God We Praise You
God Whose Farm Is All Creation
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Great God Our Source and Lord of Space
His Voice Is the Thunder and the Storm
How Marvelous God’s Greatness
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Let All the Earth Their Voices Raise
Let All Things Now Living
Let the Heavens Be Glad
Let the Whole Creation Cry
Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works
Morning Has Broken
O God Beyond All Praising
Over the Chaos of the Empty Waters
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens
Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Sing Out, Earth and Skies
The Works of the Lord Are Created in Wisdom
This Is My Father’s World
We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Prayers for Special Occasions

The Book of Blessings¹ and Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers² (the latter is available from USCCB Publishing: www.usccbpublishing.org or 800-235-8722) contain complete services for special occasions. These services provide an excellent opportunity to integrate worship and prayer with your daily environmental justice activities.

Rogation Days—Normally the three days before the
Solemnity of the Ascension
Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, religious—October 4
World Food Day—Week of October 16
Fast for World Harvest—Thursday before Thanksgiving
World Day of Peace—January 1
Earth Day—April 22
World Environment Day—Early June
Arbor Day—Varies by state

Blessings for Special Occasions from the Book of Blessings
Order for the Blessing of Animals
Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks
Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time
Order for the Blessing on the Occasion of Thanksgiving for the Harvest

NOTES
Respect for life and the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.

John Paul II

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