

# WORSHIP RESOURCES

## Confessions

### Kyrie eleison

God's whole creation groans.  
The land produces thorns and thistles  
and is ready for burning.  
Our sin affects all around.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.  
Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains,  
And your justice as great as the deep:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

With you is the well of life,  
and in your light shall we see light:  
Christ, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy.**

O continue your righteous dealing  
to those that are true of heart:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Iona confession

O God, your fertile earth is being slowly stripped of its riches,

**Open our eyes to see.**

O God, your living waters are being slowly choked with chemicals:

**Open our eyes to see.**

O God, your clear air is slowly being fouled by pollutants:

**Open our eyes to see.**

O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering:

**Open our eyes to see.**

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation

**that we repent and care more deeply.**

So move us to mourn the loss of life,

**that we learn to cherish and protect your world.**

*Iona Community Creation Liturgy*

## **Confession and absolution**

**Holy God, you are here, in earth, sea and sky, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet. Your presence is 'round us, and we give you thanks. You we have not touched, but trampled, in creation; you we have not met, but missed, in one another; you we have not received, but rejected, in the poor.**

**Forgive us.**

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8)

May the Father of all mercy forgive us, draw us forth into life and peace, and make real the hope that we, and all creation, be released from bondage and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Confession adapted from the Iona Community*

## **Isaiah 24 confession**

The earth dries up and withers,  
The world languishes and withers;  
The heavens languish together with the earth.

**We confess that our lifestyles are focused on ourselves and not on God's love.**

The earth lies polluted  
Under its inhabitants;  
For they have transgressed laws,  
Violated the statutes  
Broken the everlasting covenant.

**We confess that our lifestyles are focused on ourselves and not on God's love.**

The earth is utterly broken,  
The earth is torn asunder,  
The earth is violently shaken.

**We confess that our lifestyles are focused on ourselves and not on God's love.**

O God forgive us our shortcomings as we  
forgive those who fall short to us.

**In the name of Jesus Christ**

**Who brings new life to the Earth.**

**Amen.**

## **Polluted water**

I take a sip of simple water.  
The atoms of the water are five thousand million years old.  
I drink the birth time of the earth.

**We mourn with all living things  
that today carry the polluted water of creation.  
The salted tears in our eyes  
remind us of our origin and unity with all struggling life.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Sorry**

Dear loving Father,  
we are sorry....  
for destroying your world.

We are sorry....  
for the pollution of the sea  
and for pouring gallons of oil into it every year.

We are sorry....  
for the car fumes in the atmosphere,  
for acid rain and all the things it destroys.

We are sorry....  
for the destruction of animals and their homes,  
and for litter in the streets.  
Please help us to make our world a better place. Amen.

O God, the whole of creation groans  
Set us free and make us whole

*Geraldine Murphy, aged 10*

## **Walk Lightly**

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your praises Creator God.

Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and great seas, show your glory, Spirit of love.

And yet, the hand of greed has patented and plundered your splendour, has taken and not shared your gift, has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.

And so, the ice is cracked, the rivers dry, the valleys flooded and the snow caps melt.

God our Father, show us how to step gently, how to live simply, how to walk lightly with respect and love for all that you have made.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

Thank you, God,  
because you created the earth and all that is in it:  
my family, friends, fish, spiders, and swallows, wheat, water and oxygen.  
Forgive me when I misuse your good gifts.  
And help me to make responsible choices which benefit your creation.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

God of mercy and goodness,  
we thank you for the wonder of your creation,  
so rich in gifts that all people can live by them.  
Forgive us when we do not cherish this wealth,  
but seek to make ourselves rich at others' expense.  
Help us to live responsibly towards this planet we share as the home you gave us.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

God of all creation

We praise and thank you for the beauty and richness of this world;  
For all that feeds, sustains and inspires us,  
Breathing life into our bodies and souls.

But Father, forgive us, for  
through our greed children are hungry,  
through our neglect waters are polluted,  
through our selfishness forests are destroyed,  
rough our denial communities live in violence.

Change us by your Spirit,  
fill our hearts with sacrificial love,  
teach our minds the responsibility of stewardship,  
free our spirits to lives interdependently,  
and give us the strength to persevere.

Keep us firm in the hope of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, by whose grace we  
live and in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

*Joanna Woodd*