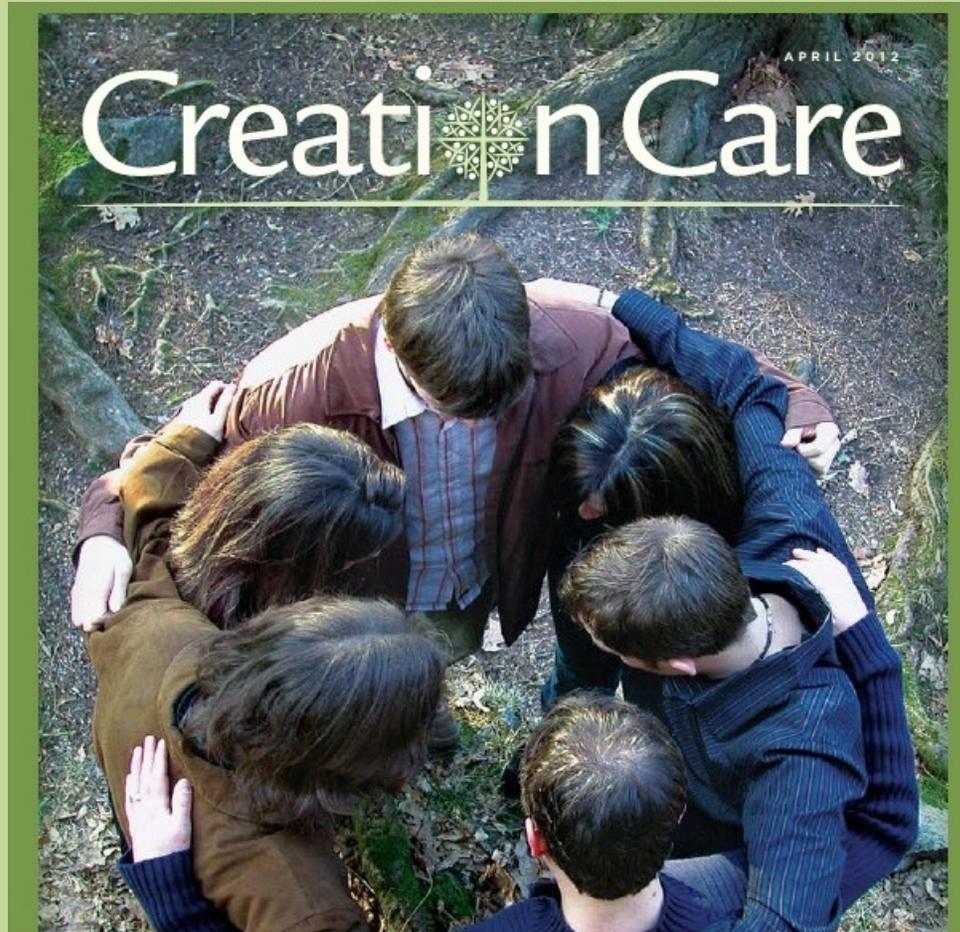


Prayers of Righteousness, Authentic Faith, and Justice



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It's Time to Pray!

- For the renewal of the church
- For our work to be founded on true hope
- For a movement of Christians to engage and champion climate change
- Hearts of compassion to help those experiencing the greatest impacts today
- For our political process

An Opportunity for Symphonic Prayer



Foundational Scriptures

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)

“We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.” (Psalm 33:20)

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.” (Psalm 27:22)

A Unique Opportunity

-like that which was presented to the Clapham Group during the age and time of William Wilberforce

-like that which was presented to the abolitionists of the 19th century

-like that which was presented to South Africans only a generation ago

-like that which was presented to Christians on infanticide in the early Roman Empire period

Prayer for the Poor and Suffering

- • We pray for orphans, widows and the peoples of the world who are facing shortages of food, water, clean air, shelter, energy and medicine, that you would provide for them in their needs.
- • We pray for the countries of Indonesia, Bangladesh, Tuvalu, the Maldives, and other island and coastal nations who face the prospects of needing to move in response to rising sea levels.
- • We pray for those experiencing global warming, climate change and severe weather, that the developed industrial peoples of the earth might be awakened to reduce rampant consumption and toxic emissions, that those facing climate calamities might be delivered and sustained.
- • We pray for church leaders and the body of Christ in every land, that your Holy Spirit would move the hearts of your people toward lifestyles of conservation, acts of compassion and deeds of mercy.
- • We pray for our own hearts, that you might trouble and instruct us in ways to rightly order our lives and priorities to be unfettered witnesses to the life and gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Prayer for those who Govern

- • We pray for “all in authority” (1 Timothy 2:2), that they would seek ways of peace and not of war, that they would grant and promote religious liberty, conservation of resources, and free enterprise.
- • We pray for “spiritual statesmen,” that they be granted courage and wisdom to speak biblical truth and apply gospel principles to correct carbon emissions, global warming, pollution, ocean acidification, food, water and energy scarcity, and to implement programs of sustainability and adaptation.
- • We pray for God-fearing, wise, just and compassionate rulers at every level, that they would honor you in their work, that they would protect earth, air, water, public health and manage resources.

Prayer for the Body of Christ

- • We repent and ask forgiveness for the Church, that it missed your prophetic call to biblical ecology, conservation and creation care for more than a generation; awaken us now to wisdom and action.
- • We pray for unity in the Church in the U.S. and around the world, that the prayers of Jesus in John 17 be answered and realized in our day; help each of us and all Christians practice love in diversity.
- • We pray for Revival and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that kingdom peacemakers be called and released who humbly hold to unity in the body of Christ in their hearts, minds and ministries.
- • We take a personal posture and pray against divisiveness, envy, pride, deceit, personal ambition, contempt, anger, slander, covetousness, and immoral and reckless folly in the body of Christ.
- • We pray for all kingdom efforts toward unity, that our lives and deeds will help release redemption to all peoples, and will bring honor and glory to our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.