

## Prayer – 15 September 2025



### Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, God of the oceans,  
God of the land and all that is within it:  
You created this world with the power of your word.  
You formed humankind with your own hands,  
and breathed your own breath into us. You gave us these lands as a gift -  
a source of our identity and sustenance.  
You empowered us to be the guardians of what you have made.

Loving God, we have failed you and abused the gift you have given us.  
We have offended you and defiled what you have made.  
Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your oceans.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures on the land, in the sky, and in the depths.

God of Life, heal your wounded Earth.  
Empower us to choose the road that leads to life.  
Guide us in the paths of righteousness, for your name's sake, so that we may experience once again your Shalom in the land and in the sea.

This we ask in the name of the one who came that we may have life in abundance— your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

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### Reading: A Call to Action: “The Effect of Justice Will Be Peace”

“Until a spirit from on high is poured upon us” (v.15). The Spirit guides us to ecological conversion and a deeper understanding of our cosmic family. We must change our mindsets, embrace righteousness, and teach these values to future generations. The Spirit-inspired outcome must be something greater and truly transformative—we are not merely seeking to restore conditions that led to conflict in the first place.

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**Hymn:** Colleen Fulmer, I dream a World [https://youtu.be/M3I\\_CUfn3cU](https://youtu.be/M3I_CUfn3cU)



### Blessing:

Go in peace, live in peace with Creation. May the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. SOC Guide 2025. P. 27