

## Prayer – 22 September 2025



Throughout history, many human activities have contributed to the destruction of Creation. Yet today, more than ever, some human activities take the form of a war against Creation. Some hold greater responsibility for this crisis—elite consumption, exploitative business models, and economic theories prioritizing profit over sustainability. Pollution, health crises, deforestation, and mining in conflict zones worsen the situation. Season of Creation Guide 2025, p.17

**Hymn:** Kevin Mayhew, Peace, Perfect Peace

<https://youtu.be/zwjCDg90q5E?si=0gF2zv3ZNKVVZUdE>

### Readings:

There is hope for a peaceful Earth. Isaiah 32:14-18 envisions a peaceful Creation where God's people live only when justice is achieved. "The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert; God's righteousness lives in the fertile field" (Isaiah 32:16). In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Hope is being able to see that there is light - despite all the darkness." Season of Creation Guide 2025, p.17

To be at peace with creation is to dwell in harmony with God's life-giving presence in all things. The Season of Creation calls us to a deeper communion with the Earth, embracing our role in God's unfolding work of love, healing, and reconciliation for the whole of creation. Dr. H. Jones, World Communion of Reformed Churches

### Closing Prayer:

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen. Linda Jones - CAFOD

