

# Summer Morning Prayer



Gathering &  
Centering

Music –

*All Things Bright  
and Beautiful*

(Written by John Rutter  
and performed by the  
Cambridge Singers & City  
of London Symphonia)

## Reading – Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament<sup>[a]</sup> proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> yet their voice<sup>[b]</sup> goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.

## Prayers of Gratitude for Beauty and Gifts in Creation

### Prayer for Action

O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for  
your Creation.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures as signs  
of your wondrous love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for  
all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Time for silent reflection and commitment to action.)*

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## Reading – Matthew 7:7~11

<sup>7</sup> “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

## Prayers of Concern/Need

### Reading – Psalm 136:1-9 – The Inclusive Bible

Thank you God, for you are good!	Your love is everlasting!
Thank you, God of Gods!	Your love is everlasting!
Thank you, Sovereign of sovereigns!	Your love is everlasting!
You alone perform such great marvels.	Your love is everlasting!
Your wisdom made the heavens.	Your love is everlasting!
You spread the land out over the waters.	Your love is everlasting!
You made the great lights:	Your love is everlasting!
The sun to govern the day,	Your love is everlasting!
Moon and stars to govern the night.	Your love is everlasting!

## Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

### Sending From the Irish Celtic Tradition

May the Blessing of light be on us, light without and light within.  
May the blessed sun shine on us and warm each heart till it glows like a great fire, so that strangers and friend may come in and warm themselves.  
And may the light shine out from our eyes, like a candle set in the windows of a house.

### Sung Benediction – Lutkin (Performed by the Westminster Choir)

## Sharing of Peace