

1 JANUARY

At the start of the year, Lord, give us the grace to grow deeper in our respect for and care for your creation. We pray this week for the A Rocha UK Board of Trustees and CEO Andy Atkins. Grant them wisdom as they lead and guide the charity, encouraging and supporting many more people to see opportunities to speak out, care for and act to protect and restore your beautiful earth.

8 JANUARY

We pray for those who are a part of the Wild Christian community, individuals and families who are seeking to bring change in their own lives, in their communities and the world. Lord, would you inspire and encourage each of us to creatively and faithfully live towards increasingly sustainable lifestyles, as we seek to enjoy, nurture and defend nature in this year ahead.

15 JANUARY

Lord, we closed 2023 with COP28 and so we pray for a renewed ambition for international cooperation to tackle the existential threats of climate change and biodiversity loss. We pray for policy makers, both in the UK and across the world, to prioritise nature's recovery for the sake of people and the planet.

22 JANUARY

As the colder days and darker nights continue, we pray for anyone finding the winter months tough. We pray for churches to be beacons of light in their local areas, providing shelter, warmth, and community for all who need it. We pray for those grappling with eco-anxiety and climate grief. We pray that creation will continue to remind us of God's goodness and provision, and that we can find solace, refreshment, and hope once more through spending time in nature.

29 JANUARY

We give thanks for the latest Partner in Action to join our growing network, St Crispins Farm in Berkshire. We pray that they, and all our new Partners in Action, will be encouraged as they share ideas and learn from each other. We give thanks for their desire to use and develop the land and resources God has given them for the benefit of nature and to His glory.

5 FEBRUARY

We give thanks for our wonderful team of volunteer speakers who go out to give talks at church services and other events across the country. Pray for safety in travel, and for energy and enthusiasm. Pray that as they share the mission and purpose of our work and the theology behind what we do, those listening will be challenged and motivated by what they hear. Pray that the seeds sown through their words would grow in the hearts of those who listen.

12 FEBRUARY

As we start this Lent season, we reflect on what it means to live within godly limits of what is enough. We ask for your forgiveness, Lord, where humanity does not always respect the limits of your creation and has depleted the resources you have given us. We ask that we will be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2) and that you would give us a fresh vision of living well in your world.

19 FEBRUARY

We give thanks for Sarah Leedham, the newly appointed Manager for our rural reserve, Foxearth Meadows. Please pray for her as she settles into her new role. As we say goodbye to Mark Prina, we give thanks for the dedication he has shown to the work at the reserve and the inspiration he has been to both visitors and volunteers. We ask for God's blessing as he explores new ways to serve and enjoy creation in retirement.

26 FEBRUARY

'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it' (Psalm 24).

Creator God, Lord and lover of all you have made, we bring to you creation's lament and pain and our own yearnings and fears of what may be. Help us, during this time of Lent, to live more simply that others may simply live and that all of your creation can flourish.

4 MARCH

Please pray for the Nature 2030 Campaign, that political parties would put nature at the heart of their policies. Lord, may we all recognise that thriving nature is not just nice to have, but essential for human wellbeing as well as fulfilling our biblical mandate to steward your precious creation.

11 MARCH

This week please pray for Wolf Fields, our reserve in the heart of urban west London. We give thanks for the opportunities it gives individuals and groups from the local community to come and experience the peace and beauty of God's creation. We continue to ask that God will inspire more volunteers to get involved over the coming months. Please pray that God's plans will be revealed as Andrew and his team look at activities to increase community awareness and engagement on the reserve. We pray that all those who visit Wolf Fields this year will find it a haven where they can encounter God.

18 MARCH

We pray for church leaders and all those leading Easter services. We pray that Christians everywhere would see and understand that Jesus's death and resurrection is for the whole of creation. Also thinking of our Theological Colleges and those in training, we pray that they will understand the importance of caring for creation, that this will be an integral part of their studies, and that we can equip them through providing a new Eco College survey.

25 MARCH

As we enter Holy week, we pause to reflect on the solemnity of these few days, and the significance of them for Christian believers. As we turn our faces towards the risen Lord on Easter Sunday, we are also thankful for the new life available through His death and resurrection. As seedlings grow towards the light, may we also grow towards the light of Christ this Easter time.