



Collective Worship
Week 3
w/b 16th September

~ Anne Frank

In God's Name- In the Beginning

Autumn Term 2019

In the name of the Father and the Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen (Light Candle)

Focus Meditation Question: In the Bible we prepare to hear the Word.

What is the Old Testament about?

What is the very first book? (Show the children)

What is the last book? (Show the children)

The Old Testament contains stories of the Israelites (Jews), their history and their important figures.

Jesus would have read and learnt from these stories just like you!

The first book of Genesis is about the creation of our world.
Prepare to hear God's Word.

Teacher / Child read to class (year 5/6 to read directly from the bible)

In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. And then God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be light!" And right away there was light, scattering the darkness and showing the infinite space. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'."

The evening came and the night passed and then the light returned. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the earth and over it He carefully hung a vast blue sky. He stood back and admired His creation. "That's good too!" said God and the second day was over.

The next morning God looked around and thought, "The earth needs to be a bit more organized." So, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. Dandelions and daffodils appeared. All sorts of trees and grasses began to grow. "It's looking great," said God and that was the end of the third day.

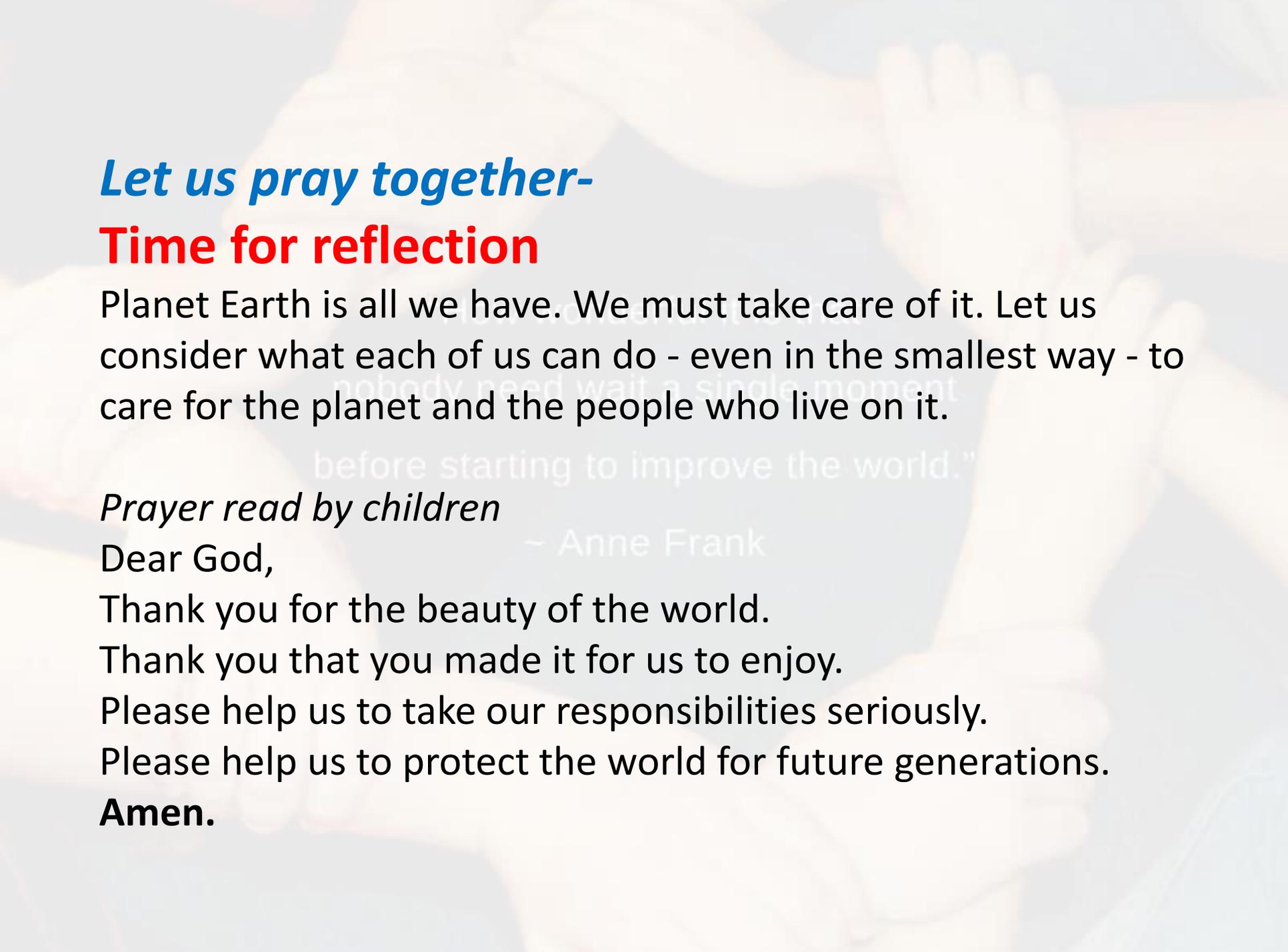
On the fourth day, God looked around and thought, "The daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. He hung them in the sky and stepped back to look at his work. "This is coming along very well," said God.

The next day, God turned his attention to the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!"

As soon as He said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "Ahh, that IS good!" said God. The dusk fell over the water and the sky grew dark and that was the end of the fifth day.

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On the sixth day, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. But He still felt something was missing. So God added Mankind to enjoy and take care of all that He had created. God looked around and was happy with all He had made. After six days, the whole universe was completed. On the seventh day God rested and enjoyed looking at all He had made.



Let us pray together-

Time for reflection

Planet Earth is all we have. We must take care of it. Let us consider what each of us can do - even in the smallest way - to care for the planet and the people who live on it.

Prayer read by children

Dear God,

Thank you for the beauty of the world.

Thank you that you made it for us to enjoy.

Please help us to take our responsibilities seriously.

Please help us to protect the world for future generations.

Amen.

Reflection

How can you look after our world?

What can you do to make a difference?



Watch this short clip. Pope Francis is writing to us all to say look after our world.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-animation>