



Global Community Hour
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SDG 7: Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



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CLEAN ENERGY



Invitation to Prayer

God of abundant, creative, energy,
we invite you into our gathering today.

We trust in your expansive and dynamic love as it seeks expression
among us.

May we listen for your still, small voice as it speaks to us today and as
it boldly proclaims the undeniable reality of your creative energy that
will not let us go.

Stir our hearts and our imaginations that we may see beyond the
appearance of what is to the reality of what can be.

We ask this in your most Holy Name.

Amen.



Guided Meditation* - Divine Energy Unleashed

I imagine the creation of the universe, 13.7 billion years ago. I see the Big Bang and the creation of particles and anti-particles, the fundamental forces of gravity, electromagnetism, strong and weak nuclear forces, and the prodigious expansion of everything.



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*Adapted from Michael Hansen, SJ, "The Spirit Hovers Over Creation" in *The First Spiritual Exercises*.

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I see, in my own way, protons
and neutrons binding in the
cooling universe to form
hydrogen and helium nuclei,
until, at 300,000 years, the
first atoms form and
photons of light are released
in a sea of radiation. I see the
Holy Spirit above and in
everything, even direction
itself. I hear, 'Let there be
light!'



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Then, over eons, I see all the elements being progressively created in stars, ever more complex in their burning hearts and explosive deaths.

Every element in my body and in the world around me was created in generations of stars.

Physically, I carry the story of divine energy and creativity within me. *How will I use this energy? What will I create?*



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Divine Energy Transforms Our World

We are entrusted by God with sacred, divine energy. In the Christian tradition, we understand this energy in the symbol of transformative and dynamic fire: the flame of the Holy Spirit.

This divine flame isn't merely a symbol, however; it's a living, active force that has the power to transform our lives and set our hearts ablaze for God, for one another, and for the earth and all creation.

Created in the image and likeness of God, and impelled by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to create and to build our world. Let us choose to create and build in ways that honour and sustain all generations of people and the planet, including through nurturing and generating forms of energy that are affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern.



Prayers of Intercession**/Oraciones de intercesión / Orações de Intercessão / Prières d'intercession

Reader: Creator God, who has caused all things to come into being for our use and your glory, teach us how to recognise your energy and light, your purpose and inspiration in all people and the planet.

Lector: Dios creador, que has hecho que todas las cosas lleguen a existir para nuestro uso y tu gloria, enséñanos a reconocer tu energía y tu luz, tu propósito y tu inspiración en todas las personas y en el planeta.

Leitor: Deus Criador, que fez com que todas as coisas existissem para nosso uso e para a Sua glória, ensine-nos a reconhecer a Sua energia e luz, o Seu propósito e inspiração em todas as pessoas e no planeta.

Lecteur : Dieu créateur, qui avez fait naître toutes choses pour notre usage et votre gloire, enseignez-nous à reconnaître votre énergie et votre lumière, votre dessein et votre inspiration dans tous les êtres humains et sur toute la planète.

Response: O God, help us to share your creative energy.

Respuesta: Oh Dios, ayúdanos a compartir tu energía creativa.

Resposta: Ó Deus, ajude-nos a partilhar a sua energia criativa.

Réponse : Ô Dieu, veuillez nous aider à partager votre énergie créatrice.

**Adapted from prayers written by Sister Catherine Brennan and Sister Ann Concannon, Sisters of St Louis, for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's Time for Creation resources), and Rev. Robin Morrison, June 2006, for the European Christian Environmental Network Assembly



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Reader: May all people in their daily lives and work know their contribution to your creation and participation in your creativity. Thank you for your presence in the transformation of material things into human goods and services that can benefit all people.

Lector: Que todas las personas en su vida cotidiana y en su trabajo conozcan su contribución a tu creación y su participación en tu creatividad. Gracias por tu presencia en la transformación de las cosas materiales en bienes y servicios humanos que puedan beneficiar a todas las personas.

Leitor: Que todas as pessoas, nas suas vidas diárias e no seu trabalho, reconheçam a sua contribuição para a sua criação e participação na sua criatividade. Agradecemos a sua presença na transformação de bens materiais em bens e serviços humanos que podem beneficiar todas as pessoas.

Lecteur : Puissent tous les individus, dans leur vie quotidienne et leur travail, être conscients de leur contribution à votre création et de leur participation à votre créativité. Nous vous remercions de votre présence dans la transformation des biens matériels en biens et services humains qui peuvent profiter à tous.

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Reader: Life-Giving God, you have generously blessed us with an abundance of gifts in this, your world. Help us to share in that generosity by living in a way that ensures that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations.

Lector: Dios dador de vida, nos has bendecido generosamente con una abundancia de dones en este, tu mundo. Ayúdanos a compartir esa generosidad viviendo de un modo que garantice que tus dones sigan estando disponibles para las generaciones futuras.

Leitor: Deus que dá vida, abençoou-nos generosamente com uma abundância de dons neste seu mundo. Ajude-nos a partilhar essa generosidade, vivendo de forma a garantir que os seus dons continuem disponíveis para as gerações futuras.

Lecteur : Dieu source de vie, vous nous avez généreusement comblés de dons dans ce monde qui est le vôtre. Aidez-nous à partager cette générosité en menant une vie qui garantisse que vos dons continueront d'être accessibles aux générations futures.

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Reader: The sun, the wind, and the waves are your gifts, O God, for the flourishing of the whole community of life on earth. Help us to use them to produce sustainable energy for all.

Lector: El sol, el viento y las olas son tus dones, oh Dios, para el florecimiento de toda la comunidad de vida en la tierra. Ayúdanos a utilizarlos para producir energía sostenible para todos.

Leitor: O sol, o vento e as ondas são os seus dons, ó Deus, para o florescimento de toda a comunidade da vida na Terra. Ajude-nos a utilizá-los para produzir energia sustentável para todos.

Lecteur : Le soleil, le vent et les vagues sont vos dons, ô Dieu, pour l'épanouissement de toute la communauté de vie sur terre. Aidez-nous à les utiliser pour produire une énergie durable pour tous.

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Reader: Through scientists, engineers and scholars new knowledge comes to light; may new developments in the production of sustainable energy protect our fragile planet and promote the well-being of all peoples and all creatures on their journey to wholeness.

Lector: A través de científicos, ingenieros y estudiosos salen a la luz nuevos conocimientos; que los nuevos avances en la producción de energía sostenible protejan nuestro frágil planeta y promuevan el bienestar de todos los pueblos y todas las criaturas en su viaje hacia la plenitud.

Leitor: Através de cientistas, engenheiros e académicos, novos conhecimentos são revelados; que os novos desenvolvimentos na produção de energia sustentável protejam o nosso frágil planeta e promovam o bem-estar de todos os povos e todas as criaturas na sua jornada para a plenitude.

Lecteur : Grâce aux scientifiques, aux ingénieurs et aux chercheurs, de nouvelles connaissances voient le jour ; puissent les nouveaux développements dans la production d'énergie durable protéger notre planète fragile et promouvoir le bien-être de tous les peuples et de toutes les créatures dans leur cheminement vers la plénitude.

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Reader: We pray for the United Nations, for all international, national and local leaders and for managers of companies that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to make wise decisions about sources of sustainable energy for all.

Lector: Rezamos por las Naciones Unidas, por todos los líderes internacionales, nacionales y locales y por los directivos de las empresas para que sean guiados por el Espíritu Santo para tomar decisiones sabias sobre las fuentes de energía sostenible para todos.

Leitor: Oramos pelas Nações Unidas, por todos os líderes internacionais, nacionais e locais, e pelos gestores de empresas, para que sejam guiados pelo Espírito Santo a tomar decisões sábias sobre fontes de energia sustentável para todos.

Lecteur : Nous prions pour les Nations Unies, pour tous les dirigeants internationaux, nationaux et locaux, ainsi que pour les dirigeants d'entreprises, afin qu'ils soient guidés par le Saint-Esprit pour prendre des décisions judicieuses concernant les sources d'énergie durable pour tous.

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Reader: Creator God, You have blessed humankind with understanding, imagination and memory. Show us how to learn from past mistakes and plan for the future responsibly and with love.

Lector: Dios Creador, Tú has bendecido a la humanidad con entendimiento, imaginación y memoria. Enséñanos a aprender de los errores del pasado y a planificar el futuro con responsabilidad y amor.

Leitor: Deus Criador, abençoou a humanidade com compreensão, imaginação e memória. Mostre-nos como aprender com os erros do passado e planejar o futuro com responsabilidade e amor.

Lecteur : Dieu créateur, vous avez doté l'humanité de la raison, de l'imagination et de la mémoire. Veuillez nous guider afin que nous tirions les leçons des erreurs passées et que nous planifions l'avenir de manière responsable et avec bienveillance.

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Closing Prayer

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the divine fire and energy of the Holy Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, who lives with you and with the Holy Spirit for ever.

Amen.

