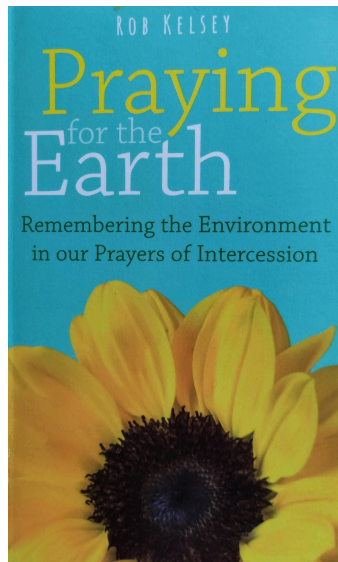


Prayer resources with an environmental focus.

Below are some recommendations for prayer resources. Once again, this is a fairly arbitrary selection - of books I could find easily secondhand (on World of Books) and at fairly modest prices.

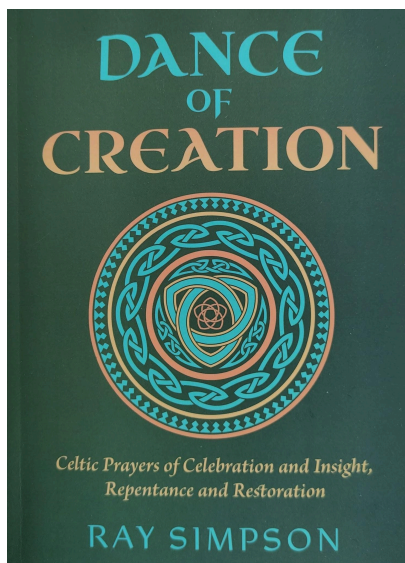


Praying for the Earth - Rob Kelsey

A book of collects and intercessions, for every day of the week on a bi-monthly cycle. For incorporations into prayers of intercession in public worship.

Rob introduces the book with the challenge that real Spiritual change is needed in the Western church if we are to play our part in societal change. We have too long seen the earth as a resource for human use. We need to recognise that the Earth is the home of God, with us, and therefore a revelation of the majesty of God. To care for the earth is integral to our relationship with God.

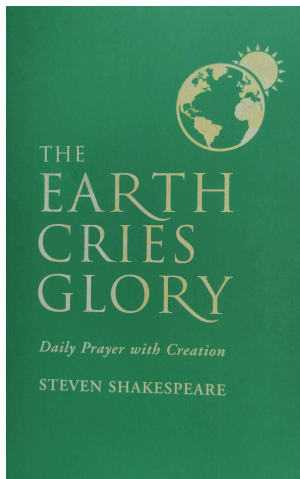
A beautiful and very usable resource, aimed at equipping churches for that Spiritual change.



Dance of Creation: Celtic Prayers of Celebration and Insight, Repentance and Restoration - Ray Simpson

As the title suggests, this book of prayers embraces the whole beauty and challenge of praying as part of God's creation, rather than as users of it.

This book could be used in a wide variety of contexts, from corporate worship, to small groups and private devotions. Also as a resource for reflection, and inspiration for artwork.

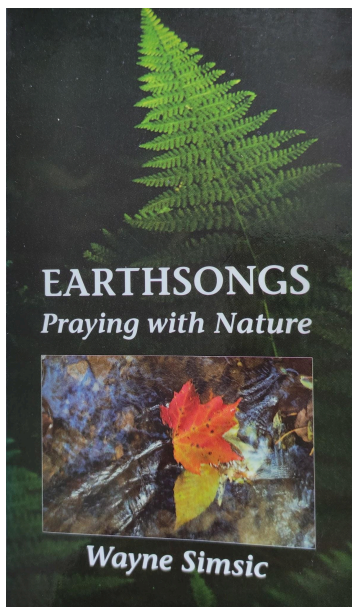


The Earth Cries Glory: Daily Prayer with Creation - Steven Shakespeare

A resource for daily prayer, based on the seasons, the solstices and equinoxes.

Shakespeare builds the prayers on the realisation that too often Christianity has placed the spiritual and physical worlds in opposition to each other. If all things come from God, and Jesus, the man is the unique revelation of God, then all physical things reveal God. If this is so, then we should reject a 'consumer' relationship to creation.

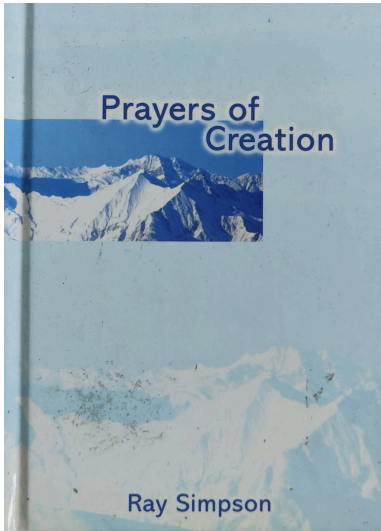
Shakespeare has listened to pre-Christian traditions, who have remained more rooted in the cycles of the seasons and the physical, natural world. He does not try to 'baptise' them, nor claim that Christianity is the same. Rather he values their insights from being rooted in creation. An excellent resource for developing personal and family spirituality and discipleship, towards knowing and worshipping God in God's creation.



Earthsongs: Praying with Nature - Wayne Simsic

Simsic expounds on the deep spiritual nourishment to be found in praying in and with nature. Here we are challenged, and enabled, to shed our self-importance and gain a sense of perspective. Here we are called out of ourselves, to see God all around us.

The book contains prayers for all season, places and features in the landscape. A good individual resource, and one for outdoor worship and reflection.



Prayers of Creation - Ray Simpson

Written in the Celtic tradition, a small book of prayers on themes of Gratitude, Celebration, Repentance, Commitment, Blessing, and praying with the seasons.

Could be used for either personal prayer or as a resource for writing intercessions.