

PRAYER ONE

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*“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.”*

— Psalm 24:1

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, you spoke and the seas gathered, the mountains rose, and every living creature drew its first breath from your hand. The earth is yours, and everything in it. We come before you humbled — for we have not kept well the garden you entrusted to us.

Father, we confess that through greed, indifference and the relentless pursuit of gain, your creation groans under the weight of human excess. Where you said, “It is good,” we have made it fragile. Where you planted abundance, we have sown scarcity. Forgive us, Lord. Renew in us a right spirit — the spirit of stewards, not masters.

All: Lord, in your mercy, renew the face of the earth.

We cry out to you for our brothers and sisters—in Rwanda, Bangladesh, Honduras, and across the Pacific Islands—who bear the heaviest burden of a crisis they did not create. For the farmer watching her harvest fail due to drought. For the family fleeing floodwaters that swallow their home. For the child breathing air thick with the smoke of burning waste. You see them, Lord. You know them each by name.

As the prophet Isaiah declared, “The Lord rises to show compassion. Blessed are all who wait for him.” We ask you now, God of justice, to rise. Stir the conscience of nations. Move the hearts of world leaders, that they might act with courage and urgency—not for political gain, but for the flourishing of the poorest and the healing of your world.

All: Lord, in your mercy, renew the face of the earth.

Give us, your Church, the courage to be different. Where the world consumes, let us conserve. Where the world turns away, let us turn towards those in need. Make us people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you in the care of all you have made (Micah 6:8).

And now, Lord, we hold before you the work of Tearfund—as they resource, equip and stand alongside local churches in over fifty nations, championing climate-smart agriculture, clean energy, and environmental restoration. Bless their advocacy. Multiply their impact. Use them as instruments of your restorative justice.

Until that great day when you make all things new, when every creature joins the chorus of praise and creation itself is set free from its bondage to decay — keep us faithful. Keep us urgent. Keep us on our knees in prayer and lament.

All: In the name of the Father who made all things, the Son who redeems all things, and the Spirit who sustains all things. Amen.

PRAYER TWO

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*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.”*

— Luke 4:18

Lord Jesus Christ, you who entered the world not in the corridors of power but in the poverty of a stable. We thank you that you have never stopped drawing close to the poor, the displaced and the forgotten. Your Kingdom is not built from the top down but from the ground up, through mustard seeds, through loaves broken and shared, and through the faithful witness of your Church in every corner of the earth.

Today we lift before you the work of Tearfund, born out of the conviction that the local church, empowered by your Spirit, is the most transformative force on earth. We praise you for tens of thousands of churches now engaged in transforming communities. We praise you for the work across more than fifty nations across the globe, in Rwanda and Burundi, in Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Bangladesh and Honduras and beyond.

All: Lord, let your Kingdom come through your Church.

We thank you for the extraordinary fruit: communities lifted from poverty not by outside intervention alone, but by the rediscovery of their God-given identity and potential. For savings groups formed around kitchen tables. For women empowered to lead. For farmers learning climate-resilient practices shoulder to shoulder with their pastors. For broken relationships being healed and whole communities being restored, because one local church dared to read your Word and act on it.

Lord, as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you.’” Bind us together as one body. Let our local churches feel the pulse of what you are doing in Kigali and Kinshasa, in Dhaka and Tegucigalpa. Dissolve the distance between us. Make us understand that their struggle is our calling, and their victory is our joy.

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Bless and protect Tearfund’s staff, partners and volunteers — those who serve in conflict zones, in disaster-stricken regions, and in the quiet, persistent work of community transformation that rarely makes the news. Grant them the perseverance of Nehemiah, the compassion of the Good Samaritan, and the holy stubbornness of the widow who would not stop knocking.

Stir our own hearts, Lord. Where we have grown comfortable, make us generous. Where we have grown weary, revive us. Where we have forgotten that “faith without works is dead”, breathe life into our hands and feet.

We ask all this in the name of the One who left the ninety-nine to rescue the one — who counted no cost too great and no person too small. Come, Lord Jesus. Do it again. Do it through your church.

All: In the mighty name of Jesus, who was and is and is to come. Amen.