3. Prayers: Just Food

Approach

Let us worship together the Lord, the God of Heaven,
The One who made the sea and the land.
Let us urgently call upon his name that he might show us his salvation.
Let us seek his forgiveness that we might know his healing love.
And let us be open to a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit to empower us for the service of righteousness and truth.
Amen.
(Jonah 1:9, Jonah 3:8)

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
We are sorry that we have filled the voids of our hearts with our own darkness instead of with your light. We confess that we have conformed to this world, and not been transformed by the renewal of our minds. Cleanse us and fill us afresh with your love and peace. We ask this by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might live to your glory and praise. **Amen.**
(Romans 12:1–2)

Collect

The Lord Jesus, when he read from the unrolled scroll in the synagogue, proclaimed the 'Year of the Lord's Favour'. So may we have the courage to speak out and act decisively to bring liberty for the land and freedom from oppression and injustice. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Petition
'Metanoia' (repentance)

Lord,
Awaken our conscience
Bring us to repentance –
A changed way of thinking
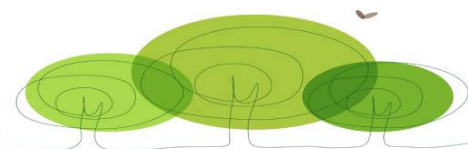That is in keeping with your purpose

Lord,
Sharpen our perception
Deepen our understanding
To know what is important
In being part of salvation

Intercession

We pray today for God's salvation,
that the people of the world will learn righteousness.
We trust in the Lord for ever,
The Lord, the Eternal Rock.

We pray today for God's judgements
that they will be made known and that his grace will be shown to all.
We trust in the Lord for ever,
The Lord, the Eternal Rock

We pray today for God's jubilee,
that the people of the world will work the land with justice.
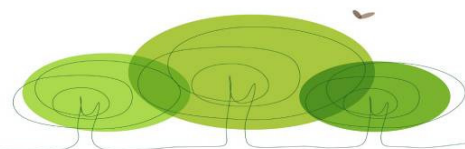*We trust in the Lord for ever,*
The Lord, the Eternal Rock

We pray today for God's peace
That it will be established throughout all nations.
We trust in the Lord for ever,
The Lord, the Eternal Rock.
The Lord, the Eternal Rock.
Amen.
(Isaiah 26)

Meditation

Not so with you,
Not so, said Jesus.
Whoever wants to be great:
The first must be
The slave of all,
Show mercy, learn to wait.

Not so with you,
Not so, said Jesus.
The Son of Man
Came not to be served,
But to give his life
As a ransom
For many.

Not so with you,
Not so, said Jesus.
For my disciples bring
Transformation

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On Earth:
The few to
Rescue the many:
This is the Way
For my Church.
(Mark 10: 35-45)

Thanksgiving

We are made in the image of God. It is our responsibility to protect, nurture and uphold all the delicate ecological relationships throughout creation.
Let us give thanks that the earth is the Lord's.
God cares intimately for all he has made.

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We are made in the image of God. It is our responsibility to embody Kingdom relationships, both as individuals and corporately. We need to examine the positive and negative impacts arising from our food and its production.
Let us give thanks that the earth is the Lord's.
God cares intimately for all he has made.

We are made in the image of God. It is our responsibility to eat and drink with thankfulness and to remember the signs of Christ's death, his body and blood, in bread and wine, when we share together.
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Blessing

Go before us, Lord, through the many changes of this world,
May we grow and flourish, rooted at all times in the one true vine,
May we truly abide in you and know your abiding in us.
Make us ready to serve the Father, the True Gardener.
Help us to bear good fruit.
May we remain in you and your Word remain in us,
This day and always,
To the glory of your Holy Name. **Amen.**
(John 15:1–8)