

# Opening Prayers – I will sing of You

*Meditate for a moment on these words from Psalm 57*

'I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples. For  
great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.'

*(A moment of silence)*

Creator of all  
Sustainer of all  
Saviour of all  
Your glory and majesty  
are beyond our understanding,  
Your power too awesome to behold.  
And yet your love enfolds us  
as a gentle breeze.  
Saviour of all  
Sustainer of all  
Creator of all  
We bless your holy name

*To my words 'The Lord reigns, let the earth  
be glad 'would you respond 'Let the distant  
shores rejoice'*

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad  
**ALL: Let the distant shores rejoice**

By your word all things were created,  
each in it's allotted space and time.  
You breathed life through your Spirit,  
and in the whisper of the wind we are  
reminded of your Spirit's presence.  
The Lord reigns let the earth be glad  
**ALL: Let the distant shores rejoice**

The whole of creation declares your glory,  
a symphony of sound and colour,  
if we will for a moment stand  
with eyes and ears attuned,  
to the beauty of your world.  
The Lord reigns let the earth be glad  
**ALL: Let the distant shores rejoice**

The whole of mankind declares your glory,  
each son or daughter a unit of love  
in the currency of your family,  
uniquely created  
and precious in your eyes.  
The Lord reigns let the earth be glad  
**ALL: Let the distant shores rejoice**

Now in our worship we declare your glory,  
and your Kingdom to the ends of the earth,  
your love to the highest mountain,  
your grace to the heavens above,  
your forgiveness to the depths of the sea.  
The Lord reigns let the earth be glad  
**ALL: Let the distant shores rejoice**

*A prayer of confession*

You have called us  
to proclaim your name,  
not only in our hearts  
but with our lives and voices.  
Too often we have failed and drawn back,  
left undone that which  
ought to have been done,  
left unsaid that which  
ought to have been said.  
Forgive us, and enable us  
to praise you not only with our voices,  
but also with our hearts and lives.  
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who showed us what love really means  
Amen

*Hear the comforting words of Scripture*

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a  
new creation; the old has gone, the new has  
come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Let us join together in the words of the  
Lord's Prayer*

Our Father.....