

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

SAMPLE

*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 its 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.....