



Hope for a New Heaven and a New Earth: CRS Natural Disaster Prayer Service

GATHERING SONG

Leader: We gather together with our family and friends in this time of celebration of the new life of Jesus and the new hope for our world. We also come together in commemoration of those who passed into the next life through the natural disasters of the Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and all other disasters that have touched our lives this past year. In thanksgiving for the gifts left to us from those that died, we invite the Lord into our presence, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65, 17-25.

PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Earth

All: Lord of all creation, let your love and justice be planted in the hearts of all. Give us the courage to create new life in the world.

Air

All: Lord of all creation, let your love and justice whisk like the wind through the hearts of all. Give us the courage to breathe new life into the world.

Fire

All: Lord of all people, let your love and justice burn like fire in the hearts of all. Give us the courage to bring your light into the world.

Water

All: Lord of all creation, let your love and justice flow like water through the hearts of all. Give us the courage to bring your healing into the world.

SECOND READING: Mark 4, 35-41

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: "God of Hope, hear our prayer."

SIGN OF PEACE

SENDING SONG