



A Prayer for June 9, 2020

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I will bless you, God!
You fill the world with awe:
Your dress yourself in light,
rich, majestic light.
You pitched the sky like a tent,
built your house beyond the rain.
You ride upon the clouds,
the wind your wings,
the wind your words,
the fire your willing tongues.
(Psalm 104, 1-4, ICEL)¹

Lord God, maker of all that is on the earth, in the skies, and in the depths of the sea; we thank you. We thank you for light and warmth, life in all forms; for the food we eat, the water that we drink, and the air that we breathe.

We thank you for the beauty that we see—magnificent rainbows, night skies that are patterned with stars, mountains rising above the terrain, and oceans where we can truly sense your presence. Just as the tides continually roll away from us, we know they will return to us; for like the tides, your love for us is unwavering.

Holy One we know that whoever dwells in your shelter can say with confidence you are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust; for since time began, you delivered us from the snare of the trapper; and from deadly pestilences.

Holy Spirit, bond us together; give us a strong will, so that no weakness may cripple our good intentions, or disable us from doing what is right. Fill us with compassion, and wisdom, as we continue to be your hands, your feet, and your eyes, allowing us to show your love to our world.

These things we pray, in your Holy Name,
Amen

¹ *Chalice Worship*, Compiled and Edited by, Colbert S. Cartwright and O. I. Cricket Harrison, Chalice Press, 1997; "Invitation to Worship," no. 17; p 240.