

International Worship Service for the Climate
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Copenhagen Cathedral

Prayer by Archbishop Winston Halapua

Loving and Embracing God,
You are God of the Universe and all creation
You create and give life and see that your creation is good.
We praise you for your gift of the *Moana* [Ancient Polynesian word for ocean] which covers most of the surface of your planet earth.
We thank you for the Oceans of the world.
We thank you for the flowing of the Oceans into one another and around the continents and islands.
We thank you for the life giving of the Oceans,
for the oxygen, food and resources they continually provide
We thank you that the Ocean is home for most species, small and great.

We are people of the Moana (Ocean). Our ancestors navigated by the stars and crossed the waves to find new homes. The voice of waves breaking on the reef speaks of your constancy and your love and your care for creation.
May we hear the cries of sea creatures endangered by the selfish greed of humanity.
May there be deep listening to the voice of waters rising to engulf land.
May ears be open to the groaning caused by refusal to honour creation
May ears be open to suffering caused by a love of power which destroys.

We beat a lali-drum alerting people around the world to the danger of climate change which threatens nature and human life.
We blow a conch – calling for the worship of a life giving God of immense goodness.
Our forbears set out across the Ocean. We set out on a venture to protect our home – the planet earth;
Help us to challenge short-sighted greed.
Help us to address unjust structures and practices and to change our relationship with creation to one of care.

We affirm our guardianship of the precious gift of creation.
We have a vision, we have courage, we have your guidance.
We have the presence of the Risen One whose power of love is greater than all the power of destruction.
Grant that together we may bring peace to our Planet Earth – to its many creatures and its many people.
We lotu (pray) in the name of Our God – Creator, Redeemer and Life-Giving Spirit.
Amen.