

Preparation for the Earth Day prayer service
CREATING A NEW EARTH

The Congregational JPIC team is inviting you to join us in praying the prayer service *Creating a New Earth* on April 22, Earth Day.

This prayer service recognizes that all things are interconnected and interrelated.

We are encouraging you to pray this prayer so that together we can send positive energy and healing to a world in need. Let us rejoice in what can be rather than lament what is.

In preparation for the prayer service, the following may be helpful in creating the atmosphere.

Items needed:

- 🌍 Image or globe of the world
- 🌍 Pictures of nature placed around the room
- 🌍 Bell or chime
- 🌍 Appropriate music and a way to play it
- 🌍 Copies of the [prayer service text](#)

Notes to the leader:

After the first reading of Proverbs, ask: What word or image in this scripture touched you? Pause and then read a second time. Pause and then allow sharing. If the group is large, then share with one or two others.

You may want to recruit readers for the following sections. Allow 3-4 minutes between each reading/reflection.

Appropriate music can be chosen as an introduction or ending.