



## Spring Prayer: A Season of Change

The heavens declare the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy!

Set an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions, and some spring flowers. The Psalm is prayed in a call and response format—split the children into 2 groups: A and B.

**Leader:** Spring is a time of change. Some changes we await eagerly, others we resist. Some changes we plan, others arrive uninvited. To accept all of these changes, we ask for Your Grace, Lord. May Spring's sunlight and rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth, just as You are always at work in our lives, renewing us through change. Open our eyes to the changes needed in our lives and our world this spring. May our work for the missions change us, making us more open to the wonders You have created in this world of change.

**All: Amen.**

**Reader 1:** *As we listen to God's word today, let us be mindful of the way our world changes around us and think about the ways God has asked us to change ourselves this Lent.*

**Reader 2:** *A Reading from the Book of Daniel*  
Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power are His. He causes the changes of the times and seasons, establishes kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who understand. He reveals deep and hidden things and knows what is in the darkness, for the light dwells with Him. The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Pause for silent reflection**

**Leader:** As we pray together, let us think of all the blessings we enjoy. May we strive to be generous spirits in His world, sharing what has been given us.

**A.** Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise Him in the heights.  
Praise Him, all His angels,  
praise Him, all His host.

**B.** Praise Him, sun and moon,  
praise Him, shining stars.  
Praise Him, highest heavens  
and the waters above the heavens.

**A.** Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
He commanded: they were made.  
He fixed them forever,

gave a law which shall not pass away.

**B.** Praise the Lord from the earth,  
sea creatures and all oceans,  
fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy winds that obey His word;

**A.** All mountains and hills,  
all fruit trees and cedars,  
beasts, wild and tame,  
reptiles and birds on the wing;

**B.** All earth's kings and peoples,  
earth's princes and rulers,  
young men and maidens,  
the old men together with children.

**A.** Let them praise the name of the Lord  
for He alone is exalted.  
The splendor of His name  
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

**B.** He exalts the strength of His people.  
He is the praise of all His saints,  
of the sons of Israel,  
of the people to whom He comes close.

**Reader 1:** Our response today is: Let Us Praise You  
and Work For Change, Lord.

When we see others who have less than we do...R/

When we are tempted to think our actions do not  
matter...R/

When problems seem too big and we want to give  
up...R/

When we are challenged to stand up for what is  
right...R/

When others do not acknowledge You as Creator of  
all life...R/

We thank You Lord, for hearing our prayers as we  
seek to do Your will in our ever-changing world.

Closing Song: **Canticle of the Sun** (Haugen)