



For the beauty of the earth.....

You make springs flow in the valleys, and rivers run between the hills.
They provide water for the wild animals;
In the trees nearby, the birds make their nests and sing.
Lord, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all.
The earth is filled with your creatures.
I will sing to the Lord all my life; as long as I live I will sing praises to my God.

Psalm 104: 10 -12, 14, 33.

Things are at last beginning to improve and we are now allowed to venture further from our homes. It is so lovely to enjoy walks in the countryside which have been forbidden to us for so long. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. Most of us don't have to go very far from our homes to feel that we are out in the country. And what a wonderful variety of scenery there is for us to enjoy. I love to see the sea lapping on the shore with all the different sea birds soaring overhead or searching for food on the shore. Rabbits and squirrels scampering about (Yes – even the grey ones!) excite me. Sheep and cattle in the fields fill me with joy and if I get the chance to stroke a donkey (my favourites, I think) my walk is complete. And all this given to us to enjoy by our Father God. Let's make sure that we open our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us and always remember to be really thankful.

PRAYER

Creator God,
thank you for the beautiful world you have created for us.
May we never take it for granted.
Help us to appreciate the variety of scenery and the diversity of living creatures that surround us.
Open our eyes and ears as we walk in your world.
Forgive us for the times that we take this beauty for granted or spoil it for others by our thoughtless actions.
Help us to play our part in preserving this wonderful world for the generations to come.
May we never cease to sing your praises. Amen