

Day 40

A Prayer for the New Creation

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no pain, for the former things have passed away.’”

Revelation 21:1-4

Merciful and Gracious God,

You are the One who is perfect and who makes perfect in Your time. Your mercies are new every morning, and we look to a time when You will make all things new in the New Jerusalem.

We eagerly wait for a glorious new heaven and new earth where creation is restored, our sin shattered lives are healed, and our relationships with one another and with You are no longer disfigured by sin, selfishness and pride.

You broke the power of sin and death. We long to see Your kingdom arrive in all its fullness and beauty. For now, may we live mindful that one day we will dwell forever in a perfect holy and loving community with You and with one another.

Keep us looking with a living hope for this time to come. May we live each day seeking to bring Your kingdom reality to earth by spreading Christ’s love, kindness and grace to all we encounter. It is for Your kingdom glory and praise alone, Glorious King.

We pray in Your holy name. Amen.