

Creation Group

The last session took **Birds of the Air** as a topic. The session started with a poem by Thomas Hardy entitled Blackbird and an extract from 'Bird watching with your eyes closed'.



The group thought about how man is having an effect on birdlife with extracts from Rachel Carson's, *Silent Spring* and also how acid rain is affecting Blue Tit eggs.

Following a reading from James Jones', 'Jesus and the Earth' the group studied birds of the Bible.

A discussion took place on how we can practically help birds through our regular feeding of them. The session concluded with Carol Adams prayer. (below)

*God of all feathered beings,
Thank you for birds.
Thank you for their early morning songs.
I, too, lift a song to heaven when morning breaks.
This song of praise.
For redwing and blackbirds.
For robins bathing outside the window.
For peacocks and cassowarys
For the ostrich and the egret
For the loon and the petrel
For the pelican and seagull.*

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*Have You not gathered us the way a mother hen gathers her chicks?
I pray for chickens who can't gather their chicks.
Who live in cages the size of an innocent man's cell.
Great God, the largest space they will know is the oven.
How can we treat Your feathered world so cruelly?
And Great God, how can baby chicks be thrown away?*

The morning song of a bird announces a newly dawning day, fresh, with new life.

*Great God, give us fresh spirits.
Can we gather the baby chicks under our wings as we celebrate
Your creation?
Your feathered beings,
The woodpecker and the heron and the pigeon
And yes, the chicken.*

*God, You know my imperfections.
I ignore the baby chick within.
All that is fresh and new, and desires growth,
Sometimes I ignore it or fight it.
I am sometimes too fragile to allow the new within to survive.
Create within me the ability to greet each day like Your birds.
And to care for animals as You would, God,
You who would gather us all within
Your outstretched
wings.*

by Carol Adams from [Prayers for Animals](#)



The next meeting of the Creation group is on Saturday 2nd February 2013 at 10.30am when the theme will be Stewards of God's Creation.

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