

Interactive reading – based on psalm 8

We are going to share an adaptation of psalm 8 together.

There are opportunities in our psalm for you to include your own thoughts.

I will pause and allow time for you to reflect and shout out your thoughts.

After each pause, I will say the words “Lord our God” please reply together with the words in bold
“Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.”

Lord our God

Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.

You are our God and we shout out your praise

Take turns to shout out your name, followed by “...shouts out your praise.

For example “_____ shouts out your praise.”

(pause to allow time for responses.)

Lord our God

Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.

Consider the earth and all of God's wonderful creation.

When we look around we catch glimpses of God.

Take a look around you and call out where you see God.

Call out – “I see God in...”

(Pause to allow time for responses.)

Lord our God

Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.

I wonder why you bother caring for us.

We are small, compared to creation we are tiny, and yet you care for us.

We make mistakes, and yet you care for us.

We damage your creation, and yet you care for us.

Spend time acknowledging the things you want to say sorry for and be reminded that God still cares for you. Call out something you want to say sorry for, followed by “... and yet you care for us.” For example, “We forget to recycle and yet you care for us”

(Pause to allow time for responses.)

Lord our God

Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.

I wonder why are we here, what is our purpose?

We were made to have a relationship with God and the whole of God's creation. God puts creation under our care.

All creation, everything in the earth, the sea, and the sky is under our care.

Spend time listing things from creation that we can care for, followed by

"... is/are under our care and we will cherish it/them"

For example, the flowers and trees are under our care and we will cherish them.

(Pause to allow time for response.)

Lord our God

Your great and powerful name is found in all the Earth.

You are our God and we shout out your praise

And we all shout together **AMEN.**