



Gathering Prayer
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by Michael Morwood

We gather here
aware we live in a time of transition
for religious language and imagery
as we learn more and more
about our world and our universe.

Whatever holds everything in this universe together,
from the magnificence of galaxies
to electrons rushing within atoms,
we believe we are a life-form that brings
This Source and Sustainer,
Organizing Power, Mind,
to unique and wonderful expression.

Aware of our uniqueness in this universe
as a conscious life-form
appreciating connectedness and mind at work
in all that exists,
we want to acknowledge and celebrate
the mystery and wonder of who we are
and to accept the responsibilities that come with it.

We are mindful of people throughout human history
who have opened our minds
to a deeper appreciation
of what it means to be human
and our connectedness with all of creation.

These lives and insights challenge us
and call us to be open to life and love
in all that we do,
with special regard
for generosity and forgiveness,
for awareness of our bonding with all people
for responsibility to care for this planet
and for appreciation that we are children of this universe.

AMEN