



This can be chanted or spoken. Some groups have modified this to accommodate the sensitivities of their community. It is nice to have some continuity from Celebration to Celebration in order to build community and energy. Using the same, agreed upon Commissioning Prayer each time is one way to do this.

Suggested Commissioning Prayer:

Leader: Grant us a spirit of concern for the future of our environment; Bring an end to the exploitation of the earth's scarce resources; Encourage us to be responsible stewards of your Creation.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**

Leader: Grant us a spirit of respect, recognizing the value and integrity of all creation; Encourage us to be accepting of ourselves and of others.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**

Leader: Help us become advocates of peace, bringing an end to conflict and division; Renew our commitment to challenging the causes of injustice.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**

Leader: Grant us a spirit of openness to see God within and around us; Help us to rejoice in the good we have experienced as we move forward to the future; Help us use our senses to celebrate beauty and creativity in the world.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**

Leader: Grant us a spirit of truth to recognize failings, which have hurt us, others and the world; Give us the humility to ask forgiveness for our part in any wrongdoing.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**

Leader: Grant us a spirit of generosity to reach out in trust to those who encounter; help us to embody God's love in our relationships with one another and with all Creation.

**Response: Creator God, make us prophets of our time.**