

grace



creativity

putting stuff together in new ways

in the beginning
God created



someone invented mayonnaise



creativity is for
everyone

Creativity is not a rare ability. It is not difficult to access. Creativity is a fundamental part of being human. It is our birthright and it is for all of us.

Creativity doesn't just relate to making art. It isn't about talent. It's about bringing into existence something that wasn't there before. It's about being able to put things together in new ways.

I think of creativity as starting from a spark of inspiration. I often feel that inspiration is a heavenly connection.

I suppose the risk is to go beyond doubt and attempt to bring the inspired thought or action into fruition.

[Lynda Castle]

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(Why is God calling from Australia?)

Creativity can be subtle at first. But once you give it your attention it grows, then you accept it and grow with it. It's as if you partner with the enthusiasm of creating it forward.

[Lynda Castle]

Creation is a generous act. God who creates does it with such selflessness that the whole created order is given the power of taking part in its own continuing creation.

This is called, when we apply it to ourselves, free will.

[Sara Maitland]

We are called to be co-creators. We live in the sort of cosmos that encourages the idea of risk and co-creation and freedom.

[Sara Maitland]

preparing to create



**What creative gift do you claim,
re-claim or want to develop?**

jesus in the
wilderness



dreaming
together

Response

**We give thanks for your spirit
Inspiring us to dream new dreams
And to hope that another world is possible**

Final response

Creator God, who does not tire and whose understanding we can never equal

Give inspiration to the frustrated, strength to the tired and energy to the weak

**That together we may dream with you -
our imaginative and surprising God -
for the creation of your kingdom**

Amen

blessing

A photograph of a dense forest. Tall, slender trees with dark trunks stand vertically, their branches and leaves forming a thick canopy. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a dappled pattern of light and shadow on the forest floor. The ground is covered with green ferns and other low-lying vegetation. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Do not try to save
the whole world
or do anything grandiose.

Instead, create
a clearing
in the dense forest
of your life
and wait there
patiently,
until the song
that is your life
falls into your own cupped hands
and you recognize and greet it.

Only then will you know
how to give yourself to this world
so worthy of rescue.

[Martha Postlethwaite]

create the café!



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