



Universal Church: Special Places

The Big Question

What makes
a place
special?

Prayer and Reflection

*Creator God,
in your hands you hold the depths
of the earth and the heights of the
mountains,
for all creation belongs to you.
Grant us grace to cher-
ish your world and wis-
dom to nurture its re-
sources.*

*Save us from the desire to control
what is not ours and the impulse to
possess what is not ours
and the impulse to possess what is
there to share. Amen.*

(Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD)

This is an outline of the teaching of the Church covered in **SPECIAL PLACES**:

- The importance of places associated with the earthly life of Jesus.
- The place of pilgrimage in the Christian life.
- Conservation of Creation.
- The interdependence within Creation.
- Places set aside for worship; churches.
- Beginnings of an understanding of contemplative prayer.

Key Vocabulary:

- special
- holy
- place
- world
- pilgrim
- Pilgrimage
- universal
- temple
- Nazareth

