



A New Prayer for the  
**Animals**

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For a green sea turtle returning to her beach in the Cook Islands. When it gets dark, she will crawl up the sand and dig a hole with her flippers.

There she will lay over one hundred little eggs, and using her flippers, will gently cover them with sand. Before dawn, she will return to the sea.



For a quoll out looking for food. She lives in Northern Australia and usually hunts at night, but is hungry today, and has found some red berries and a witchetty grub.

She will soon return to her nest and wait for sunset, then go out in search of food again.





For Najin, the northern white rhinoceros, as she quietly grazes on her favourite grass. She is getting old now, but is safe here at the Ol Pjeta Conservancy in Kenya, where she lives with her daughter Fatu. They are the very last of two their kind.





For a Kangaroo Island dunnart as he sits and sniffs the air. He has been lucky today, for he has managed to escape from a bush fire.

Now that the fire has passed, he will look for a dry, dark cave under some rocks, where he will curl up and wait for nightfall.

