

A Butterfly Wing

When I was a teenager, chaos theory was the new big thing in science. Apparently the beat of a butterfly wing on the other side of the world could alter our weather pattern. Whether this is true or not (my scientific education dates back to high school and not much further) our world is interconnected and we know that small decisions can have huge consequences. This intercessory/reflective prayer encourages us in our decision making to see that the way we live our lives can make a big difference to those around us.

God of an ever-evolving universe,
A butterfly wing beats on the other side of the earth
A cartoon published in a small country in Europe causes riots
Power stations spew out emissions of greenhouse gases
A hotter planet causes drought and famine
Melting ice caps cause floods and disease
Exaggerated intelligence sparks deadlock and conflict
**All around us we can see that small events
Can change the course of history.**

God of our ever-evolving lives,
A new family moving into a street, learning the language
House prices rising and regeneration plans delayed
A factory closing causing unemployment and loss of esteem
A school valuing creativity and encouraging potential
A change in job to allow time for family
The conception of a new life changing priorities
**All around us we can see that small decisions
Can change the course of our lives.**

God who calls us to decision making,
Help us to see how a simple smile can brighten a day
How befriending a newcomer builds community
That eating a balanced diet helps keep us healthy
And taking an interest gives the next generation a role model
Help us to see a job well done brings satisfaction
That making time for family and friends enriches our lives.
**We thank you for the choices we have
That in our own small way we can make a difference.**

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