

## Prayers for Creation

### **Creator God,**

You gave us paradise,  
an earth producing abundance  
in fields and orchards, lakes and oceans.

We have not been good stewards  
of such precious gifts.  
We have polluted the seas with impurities;  
we have desecrated the earth with poisons;  
we have ruined the air with radiation.

Forgive us for our betrayal of mother earth;  
help us to take better care  
of the planet which is our inheritance.

*John Johansen-Berg* (excerpt taken from "Harvest for the  
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CAFOD)

Almighty God,

You who are in the wind  
That breathes on the sea,  
And the waves of the ocean;  
The seal on the rocks;  
The lark in the heavens;  
The rays of the sun;  
And the glittering rock in the valley;  
You who are in the whole of creation  
And in your loved ones,  
We give you thanks and offer praise.

*The Society of Our Lady of the Isles*

## **Co-Creators of the Earth**

God, you have made us co-creators of the earth.

You have entrusted us with all the resources of the world  
to care for and share.

Help us always to be gentle with our planet.  
Help us not to pollute the atmosphere or the waterways.

Help us not to waste precious resources like energy or  
food.

Help us always to be aware of the effects modern  
technology may have on the environment.

*Christian Aid and Cafod*

## **For All Nations**

Heavenly Father,

Inspire governments and world leaders to make courageous decisions  
in order to tackle climate change and its devastating effects.

We give thanks for measures and initiatives already in place.

May each of us take our responsibility as stewards of God's creation  
seriously and implement in our lives ways of living which look after the  
world.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus in unity with the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

## **A prayer for our earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect  
life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no-one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and  
not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and  
destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense  
of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with  
awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly  
united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite  
light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

*Laudato Si* (encyclical by Pope Francis, 2015)

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