



Prayer compilation

1 FROM THE LAUDATO SI' ENCYCLICAL

Prayer for our earth

Used in the 2019-2020 campaign

For our common home

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.

Amen.

2 FROM THE 2015 CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Lord, make us fervent protectors

Lord,
make us fervent protectors of the world you have given us:

Where there is waste, let us practice frugality.

Where there is greed, let us model sharing.

Where there is exploitation, let us shout out against injustice.

As our environment is threatened,
we pray for the impoverished
and those in the Global South
who suffer the effects more than most.

May we be vocal and persistent in demanding action
on the part of governments and world leaders.

May we make everyday lifestyle choices wisely,
leading by example.

Deepen our understanding of the environment
and our love of each other,
that we may preserve your gifts for generations to come.

Amen.

Written by Development and Peace member Dr. M. Jill Peacock from Rossland, BC, who was a finalist in our 2015 Prayer Card contest.

3 FROM THE 2016 AT THE HEART OF ACTION CAMPAIGN

50 years of solidarity

Loving God,

You who created everything that is good;
You who stretch out the heavens like a tent.

You have made us for each other. You call us
from our isolation into one community of love.
Your voice is sure and strong.

We come from many places, and yet
we are woven together in Your Spirit.

Together, we hear the cry of the poor,
bearing the weight of injustice.

Together, we see the pain of the Earth
as her beauty is destroyed.

And together, we hear your voice most clearly:

Calling us to join in solidarity
with our sisters and brothers in need;

Calling us to commit ourselves,
as Ruth to Naomi saying,
“Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay.”

O Lord, stretch the canvas of our hearts
that we might make room for the suffering
of all humanity, and of all creation.

Today, by your grace, we join our lives
to those who labour in the fields – those who are
weighed down by injustice and those who work
to build the world according to your way.

Lead us in the way of discipleship – the way
of love, of faith, of justice, and of peace –
the way that has always been yours.

Amen.

4 FROM THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT'S LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2021

Common Prayer for the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Creator God, we thank You
for the gift of life which you
lovingly wove into being.

We confess we have
not cared for your Creation.

Your world grows hotter, hungrier, sicker,
and the people and planet cry out for hope.

In Your love, Lord, we answer
for we know that things can change.

Give us the courage to bring
Laudato Si' to life
to care for all communities and species
suffering from environmental harm.

Bless all who labor for an integral ecology
that they might inspire others to discover
Your face in our suffering and beautiful world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

5 FROM CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND'S CLIMATE CHANGE PRAYER BOOKLET

Take Action

God of life,
Help us to see that your gifts are meant to be shared by all,
not just exploited by a few.
Lead us to take action to make a change not just for ourselves,
but for all creation.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Adapted from the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

Creation

O Lord,
grant us the grace
to grow deeper
in our respect of,
and care for your Creation.
Help us to recognize
the sacredness of all your creatures
as signs of your wondrous love.
Spark our imagination
so we might find new ways
to live harmoniously
with Creation and new technologies,
to reverse the damage
we have done to your Creation.

Help us turn from the selfish consumption
of resources meant for all,
and to see the impacts of our choices
on the poorest and most vulnerable on our planet.

Amen.

Adapted from Catholic Relief Services.