



A time for celebration and care



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Intercessory prayers

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Set 1

Holy are you, O God; the whole earth is full of your glory; help us to live compatibly with our environment.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus, you loved the land and fields of flowers; bless farmers, gardeners and all who till and care for the soil.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus, you taught your followers to travel lightly through life; call our consumer culture to a change of heart - to values that lead to life.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

O God we are one in you, and all that we do affects the whole; make us aware of our power to seed the world with good or ill by every thought, word and deed.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

The gifts of the earth are distributed unevenly, and we long to lift up those in need; soften the hearts of those who place personal or national gain above the good of the whole.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

In taking flesh among us you raised all creation to a new dignity; teach us to have an ever growing reverence for your bountiful creation and a sense of responsibility for its preservation.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Priest/Leader: Most provident God, you graciously give us all good gifts. Teach us to care for our earth: to till our soil responsibly, to keep our air pure, to free our waters from pollution, to harvest the warmth of our sun, and to respect the rights of all species. May we willingly share the gifts of your goodness with all. We ask this of you, God of our universe, through Christ our lord. Amen

**Set 2**

All creation comes from You, O God, and you have invited us to be its stewards. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in every creature.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Christ our light, we are humbled by your simplicity; show us creative ways to live simply and to conserve our natural resources for future generations.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Spirit of God, you promote progress, you make all things new. Give us the vision we need to develop for the better without destroying our vital heritage.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Rain and clouds are your gifts of life and beauty to us, O God; teach us how to use and preserve the waters of the earth.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Creator Spirit, you adorn the earth with the beauty of each season; awaken us to your loving care for all that exists as you lift up our hearts with colour and surprise.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

We pray for environmentalists, recyclers, and those who till, care for, and harvest the fruits of our earth. May they be confirmed and supported in their efforts to preserve the earth for future generations, so that the harvest of our land yields enough for all.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: O Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Priest/Leader: O God, you created all things great and small, your care extends to all. Help us to see your sustaining presence everywhere. Teach us to live responsibly, sharing the gifts of creation with satisfaction and joy. Grant this through Jesus, your Word of life, who teaches us the way. Amen.

Set 3



Bountiful God, you delight in all your creatures; help us to respect the earth's rich diversity and to share with each other and all living creatures in responsible ways.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Christ Jesus, you sent your followers to preach the good news to all creation; may all people and all creatures experience your justice and love through those who profess faith in you.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Rain down your Spirit upon our waters, and upon those responsible for decisions concerning the purity of our seas, rivers and lakes.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

We pray for victims of starvation. Banish famine from our world and teach us to share.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Through scientists and scholars, new knowledge comes to light; may it further the quality of life for all peoples and all creatures in their journey to wholeness.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Your plundered earth, with its rich variety of endangered species, is crying out for healing. Help us to be instruments of that healing and to redeem the harm we have done to our planet.

O God hear us, we pray

Response: Lord, give us your love for the whole of creation

Priest/Leader: God of love, you gave us this universe filled with your gifts. Help us to reverence all of your creation, respecting the rights of all species, and the integrity of the elements, so that all creation may live with you for all eternity. Amen

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