



PRAYING FOR CREATION

*Based on Pope Francis, 'On Care for Our
Common Home,' Laudato Si, para 159*

God of All Good Gifts

When we think about the kind of world
we are leaving to future generations,
may we look at things differently:
May we realise the world is a gift
which we have freely received
and must share with others.

Challenge us to realise we can no longer
use it as if everything is geared
to our individual benefit.

Remind us that care for future
generations is not optional, but rather a
basic question of justice,
since the world we have received
also belongs to those who will follow us.
The environment is on loan to us,
and we must hand it on to the next
generation. Amen



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Creator God

For human beings to degrade
the biological diversity of your creation;
to degrade the integrity of the earth,
causing changes in its climate;
to strip the earth of its natural forests
or destroy its wetlands;
to contaminate the earth's water, its land,
its air, and its life - these are sins.

Help us, fragile human beings,
to replace consumption with sacrifice,
greed with generosity,
wastefulness with a spirit of sharing.
Teach us the way of loving, O loving God,
of moving away from what I want,
to what your world needs.
Liberate us from fear, greed and
compulsion. Amen



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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.



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God of Light

Help us to provide education
in responsible simplicity of life,
in grateful contemplation of your world,
and in concern for the needs of the poor
and the protection of the environment.

Strengthen in us the personal qualities
of self-control and willingness
to learn from one another. Amen.