

PRAYER FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Restoration of our Ecosystems; Resetting our relationship with Nature



Symbols: Place an image of a rainbow, a statue of Montfort, a Bible, a candle, flowers and a small bowl of water.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, how deep are your designs! You made a living earth, cloud, rain and wind, and charged us with their care.

We confess that the way we live today is changing the climate, the seas the balance of life, dispossessing the poor and future generations. Build our lives into an Ark for all creation, and, as you promised Noah never to repeat a destroying flood, so make us heralds of a new rainbow covenant, choosing life for all that is at risk—for creation, for neighbors near and far, our children and ourselves.

The Word of God: Wisdom 7: 17-21

Simply I learned about Wisdom . . . the design of the universe, the force of its elements. Beginning and end of time, changes in the sun's course, variation of seasons, cycles of the years, position of the stars, natures of animals, tempers of beasts, powers of winds, thoughts of humanity, uses of plants, virtues of roots. Such things as are hidden I learned, for Wisdom, the Artisan of all, taught me.

Montfort and Creation: These rocks, these shelters

These sheep and lambs/ These woods and verdant pastures are new singers . . .



Here, in the silence all things speak in truth/ All preach innocence and simplicity

Hymn 99 vs 4.5.2.

Reflection: Take 10 minutes to go outside and note some of the nature that surrounds you. Upon your return share what you have seen, what has grieved you or surprised you.

Prayer Intentions:

For those who are suffering from environmental injustice. R. Lord hear our prayer

For those who do not have access to clean water R. Lord hear our prayer

For those who suffer health impacts from air pollution R. Lord hear our prayer.

For the environmental racism that endangers Indigenous people and people of color R. Lord hear our prayer

For young people and future generations facing the fear of climate catastrophe R. Lord hear our prayer.

(add additional prayers for the suffering of God's people and God's planet)

Sending Forth

All: Grant us power to use our intellects with wisdom to cut our use of energy and live more simply, and share our technology and resources in humility and love with all God's children.

Leader: *Glory be to you Divine Wisdom who was there at the beginning of space when energy pulsated through matter, when the sun's rays lightened the darkness, when the seas and the rivers flowed and the winds rushed over the face of the ocean*

All: Grant us power to share and use this energy wisely, and freedom to yield our wealth to you.

Leader: *Go forth now to care for Wisdom's world. Use energy wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all. Go out into the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all Creation*

Blessing Sprinkling of Water

In the seas and the rain Wisdom bestowed on Earth the flowing waters so that her creation could flourish into life (sprinkling of water) In Your wondrous community of love, Wisdom be with us in blessing now and always.