



## **A PRAYER FOR EARTH**     *Pope Francis*

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 those who are poor,

help us to rescue those abandoned and forgotten across Earth,

so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect Earth 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 those who are poor and Earth herself.

Teach us to discover the worth of each created being,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

and to recognise that we are profoundly united with every part of Earth

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

**AND SO WE PRAY** – in the words of Pope Francis – *“that we may come to respect all of creation and care for it as a gift of God.”*

- We give thanks for First Nations peoples and pray that we may learn from them the sacredness of land and the interconnectedness of all of life. We know, Creator God, that you hear us. **God, you hear our prayer.**
- As we realise more and more the enormity of our ecological crisis, we pray that all of us will respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. *God, you hear us.* **God, you hear our prayer.**
- For those who are poor, who are most vulnerable at this time, that their rights may be recognised and respected. *God, you hear us.* **God, you hear our prayer.**
- For the whole of life, including the life of generations to come, that the human family will take action to hasten the transition to a more sustainable Earth. *God, you hear us.* **God, you hear our prayer.**
- For our Church, that it may raise its prophetic voice in view of the moral crisis of this time, and stress the urgency of ecological justice in communities throughout the world. *God, you hear us.* **God, you hear our prayer.**
- For all nations in this time of Covid-19, that we will take action to protect and care for creation and all people, and set our lives on new and life-giving paths. *God, you hear us.* **God, you hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you walk with us on our journey. Open us to see the revelation of your presence in all of creation that we may safeguard and protect the beauty of Earth. We ask this in the name of your Son, who taught us about the sacredness and interconnectedness of all of life, Jesus Christ. **AMEN**