

Prayer for Sustainability of Our Earth

Preamble: The earth is an amazing gift of God. We are growing in our appreciation of this fact and are realizing the wonder and mystery of the interconnectedness of all of life. The present moment is marked by a strange paradox: the more we gaze in wonder at the Earth, the more we realize that human actions are ravaging and depleting the natural world. The only way to restore and maintain the health of the Earth is to reduce human impact on the environment. This requires a serious evaluation of our life style and our patterns of consumption.

LET US PRAY

Creator God, we can choose to live differently! Inspire us as we make choices so that we will recognize the impact our lives have on our environment and our human family around the globe.
We pray to the Lord: **Lord, help to reclaim the future!**

Loving God, we can reclaim the future! Encourage us to be people of hope as we look forwards in faith, knowing that we can build a world of justice and peace.
We pray to the Lord: **Lord, help to reclaim the future!**

Brilliant God, we can choose to live in a way that creates a better world for everyone. Help us to know that our individual actions are made in solidarity with our sisters and brothers.
We pray to the Lord: **Lord, help to reclaim the future!**

Wonderful God, you invite us to live simply, to live sustainably, and to live in solidarity with the poor. So help us to respond to that invitation with conviction and generosity.
We pray to the Lord: **Lord, help to reclaim the future!**

God of justice, listen to us as we pray this day.
In the silence of our hearts, we place all our needs before you.
(Allow some time for silent prayer.)
We pray to the Lord: **Lord, help to reclaim the future!**

God of grace and love,
we bring you our prayers, our commitment, our gifts to you this day.
Let us who have a keen dedication and awareness of your creation and all that it brings to the human family, have courage and conviction that we are able to contribute to the sustainability of the Earth. You who are our Provident God, let your Providence lead the way in our Health and Services.

Pour out your blessing upon us today. May each of our actions reveal our awareness that we are partners with You in the creation and sustainability of this earth that you have given to us to appreciate and enjoy. We ask this in the name of your Son.

Amen