

The following are a selection of **Prayers of the Faithful** that can be used during mass or other religious service for the Season of Creation Month. Please feel free to adapt.

Loving God, creator of the Universe, you know every creature and its needs. With great trust we offer our petitions in the name of all creation.

Our response is "Creator God, hear our prayer:"

• That people of all faiths use the Season of Creation as a time to remember, respect, pray and act for the good of all of creation, let us pray.

Adapted from the <u>Franciscans for Ecology</u>:

- That the Churches and ecclesial communities may respond to the signs of the times expressed in the cry of nature, wounded by humankind's inability to recognize its vocation to be the custodian of all that exists, let us pray.
- That international organizations may speak out strongly against the exploitation of the resources so generously offered by Mother Earth, and for those many brothers and sisters who live in need due to waste and abuse on the part of individuals and nations, let us pray.
- That those involved in political life, and every citizen as well, may grow in the awareness that any behavior that does not respect the environment damages human coexistence and undermines the foundations of peace, let us pray.
- That those who believe in God may promote in their own religious traditions a spirituality and practice that is consistent with a recognition of the goodness of creation, thus contributing to the growth of a world of love, justice and peace where all living things praise the Creator, let us pray.
- That young people may be inspired by the example of Saint Francis to make mature
 lifestyle choices that are selfless and sustainable, promote the care and safeguarding of
 ecosystems, guarantee access to all basic resources, and encourage practices that
 respect the fundamental rights of the human person and of every creature, let us pray.
- That we who participate in this Eucharist, offering God the gifts that earth has given and human hands have made, may be ready and willing to respond to God's word that calls us to be prophets of a creation made new in the Passover of Jesus, let us pray.

Adapted from the USCCB Ecological Liturgy Resource:

- That we may receive the grace to respect and care for God's creation, let us pray.
- That all creatures may be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love, let us pray.
- That we may work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's creation, let us pray.

• That we may use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature, let us pray.

Developed by the Global Catholic Climate Movement Team:

- In the midst of our ecological crisis, we pray that people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Let us pray.
- In view of the threatening climate crisis, we pray that people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Let us pray.
- For the poor, who are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, that they
 may be taken into account by those societies contributing the most to climate change.Let
 us pray.
- Believing in God's saving power and that God can make straight crooked paths we pray for action to protect and care for all creation and set our economies on new more life-giving paths. Let us pray.
- United by our Catholic faith and respect for all life, including the life of unborn generations, we pray that the human family takes action to transition to clean energy and keep climate change in check. Let us pray.
- With a shared sense of responsibility to care for God's beautiful, life-giving creation, we pray that the goals of energy transition, reduced global warming, and protection of life for all are attained. Let us pray.