



MEETING PRAYERS

PRAYER 1 - 'LIVE SIMPLY', BY CAFOD

Live Simply prayer

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

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St Hildegard of Birgen ~ Pray for us

PRAYER 2 - WALK LIGHTLY

Walk lightly. Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your praises, Creator God. Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and great seas show your glory, Spirit of love. And yet the hand of greed has patented and plundered your splendour, has taken and not shared your gift, has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.

And so the ice is cracked, the rivers dry, the valleys flooded and the snowcaps melt.

God our Father, show us how to step gently, how to live simply, how to walk lightly, with respect and love for all that you have made.

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PRAYER 3 - 'CALLED TO YOUR TABLE'

You said: "Let there be", And so there was. Creation awakened. Reaching towards you, Life sang your praises. Each seed, each atom Replied to your calling; Each plant, each creature - knowing, unasking.

You said: "Let them live", And so we did. Creation: abundant, Reaping the harvest, Called to your table. Each man, each woman Joined in the feasting, Each son, each daughter - praising, rejoicing.

You said: "Let them share", And how we fail. Creation: unbalanced. Wasting, destroying, We take from others. Keeping, withholding, We fail to notice Each man, each woman - Hungering, weeping.

We say: "Let us learn", And so we must. Creation: restored. Giving and taking: To each life sufficient. Each to another, Filled with your bounty Each prayer, each answer - Building, remaking.

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PRAYER 4

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. Amen.

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PRAYER 5

O Holy Spirit, you hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation. You fashioned time and space itself in the initial magnificent flaring forth. You breathed life into all beings and you continue to dwell and work in all creation to sustain that life.

Be with us now at this critical moment of our history. Open our ears to the cry of the earth, suffering the effects of human exploitation and unbridled consumption.

Open our ears to the cries of our brothers and sisters living in the midst of extreme poverty and hunger. Give us a deeper awareness that we are part of all that you have made, that we are intimately connected to all that has been, all that is and all that will be.

Grant us a spirit of awe and wonder as we contemplate the marvels of your creation, recognising and giving thanks for your presence within and around us.

Give us a deep respect for all life and help us to renew our commitment to foster life wherever we are.

Give us the courage to denounce all that disfigures your creation and to commit fully to caring for our earthly home and for all the created beings we share it with.

May we live lives characterised by compassion and service and may we embody your love in our relationships with one another and with all Creation.

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PRAYER 6

You hold us and everything you have made in your loving care. You are in the whole universe and in every tiny creature. Pour out on us, God, the power of your love. And teach us to care for life and for beauty. Amen.

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PRAYER 9 - PRAYER FOR CREATION

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.

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