

EARTH DAY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:

You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.

Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.

Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.

Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace.

Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

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God said to Moses, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

—Exodus 3:5

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 God, maker of heaven and earth, help us to respect and care for and enjoy your creation. Psalm 118:24	2 God, remind us that caring for our natural environment shows appreciation and love for you. Genesis 2:15	3 God, make me a good steward of the energy, paper, water and all the many resources available to me. Mark 6:41	4 God, thank you for trusting humanity with the responsibility to care for all your creation. Genesis 1:26
5 God, on Palm Sunday we give thanks for beautiful trees in your creation and the role they play as symbols of our faith. John 12:12	6 God, awaken me to the presence of your spirit on the earth and in nature. 1 Corinthians 2:910	7 God, help me to align my actions so that they reflect the sense of appreciation I have for your creation. Colossians 3:17	8 God, teach us that we were made in your image and that you love us just as we are. Joshua 1:9	9 God, grant me the grace to understand the lessons you gave us through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. 1 Peter 2:21	10 God, even when we struggle to understand Good Friday, keep us mindful of the love Jesus shared for us here on earth. Romans 8:39	11 God, may your spirit be present at Easter egg hunts, community events and family gatherings. 2 Corinthians 5:20
12 God, help us to see the renewal of creation this Easter morning. Thank you for the new life we have in you. Mark 16:16	13 God, help me to make smarter, "greener" choices in my day to day life. 2 Timothy 3:14	14 God, forgive me for taking the glory of your creation for granted. Renew me and refresh my spirit. 1 John 1:9	15 God, may the blooming flowers and new growth of this season be a reminder to me to keep growing. John 15:8	16 God, guide our efforts to provide clean, safe water to communities around the world. Philippians 4:13	17 God, make me an example as to how to respect and appreciate and your creation. Matthew 6:19	18 God, teach us to heal what we have damaged or polluted. Psalm 51:10
19 God, show my church ways to include care of your creation in our worship and liturgy. Hebrews 10:24-25	20 God, thank you for the immense grandeur of your creation. Psalm 19:1	21 God, thank you for the rhythm of the ocean, powdery snow, wind in the pine trees and cleansing rain. Psalm 148:1	22 God, thank you for the gift of the earth. May Earth Day be a celebration of your creation. Exodus 3:5	23 God, thank you for the cycle of the seasons and all the variety in this world. Ecclesiastes 3:1	24 God, thank you for every species of plant and animal. Help me to see the beauty in every detail. Psalm 104:24	25 God, lead me to share with others the beautiful gifts of your creation. Isaiah 40:28
26 God, do not let me miss opportunities to experience your creation simply because I am too busy to notice. Job 12:7	27 God, may the items I donate or recycle make the world a better, cleaner and healthier place. Luke 3:11	28 God, show me ways to express appreciation to farmers and others who nurture and tend to the land. 2 Corinthians 9:6	29 God, help us to recognize that we are a part of your creation and intertwined with every aspect of the natural world. 1 Corinthians 12:14	30 God, may your people on earth and all your creation praise your name. Genesis 1:1	 www.ngumc.org	