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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.

Live Simply, Linda Jones

http://www.progressio.org.uk/livesimply/AssociatesInternal/93711/livesimply_prayers/

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Mother Teresa once said: 'There are no great acts, just simple acts with great love.'

Lord, break our hearts for the needs of others, and help us stand together – show us what we have to offer. Break our hearts for communities in our own country affected by recession, debt and hopelessness – for our friends, neighbours, and those we do not know personally.

Lord, we pray too for those in the majority world experiencing poverty and lack of food, those without education, healthcare and vulnerable to disaster and exploitation. Fill us with compassion and a sense of solidarity as one people.

Prepare our hearts to love, our hands to serve, and our mouths to speak against injustice – simple acts, with great love.

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Heavenly Father, your spirit moved upon the face of the waters at creation. May that same spirit move upon, among and within us now, drawing forth a new creation – new hearts of faith, a new community of love, a new revelation of your glorious presence.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Luminous God, in the beginning, you called forth light from darkness and saw that it was good. Shine, now, that same light upon us that we might see clearly despite the darkness of this world, that our minds might be filled with understanding of you and your ways, that we might carry your transforming light to others.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Creator God, you sculpted and named the skies, the seas and the dry land. You called forth vegetation and fruit trees of every kind. Make us properly thankful for the beauty and plenty of your creation – for vast expanses of fresh and salt water; for mountains and plains, deserts and forests; for the brilliance of the sky; for colourful, sweet-scented flowers and towering trees; for the bounty of the harvest that sustains us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Boundless God, you set the sun, the moon and countless stars in the sky to preside over day and night and to be signs for days and weeks, seasons and years. Help us to see and understand the signs that you place before us, signs that guide us ever closer to you and to your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Abundant God, you created all that has life – the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, every creature that crawls and walks upon the earth. Open our eyes to the finely-woven interdependence of your creation – our common fate with the polar bear, the blue whale, the monarch butterfly and the common sparrow. Give us discernment, strength and patience as we seek and create a healthier, cleaner, more sustainable way of life.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Sovereign God, on the sixth day you fashioned woman and man in your own image. You blessed them and appointed them stewards of all creation. Teach us, today, to be just that – stewards and caretakers of all that you have made. Teach us to see as you see – to behold and see that everything you have made is, indeed, very good.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy God, on the seventh day you rested; you blessed that day and sanctified it. May we, too, learn to rest from our labour. May we take time for prayer and quiet reflection, allowing ourselves and all of creation to breathe and to be restored, opening ourselves to your presence, your blessing and your sanctification.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, gather these our humble prayers together with the prayers of all your faithful people, hear them with your ever-merciful ear and render them to us as might be best for us. All this we pray in the name of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

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Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest,
that he will bring to fruition
all that he desires for His creation.
Lord of the harvest, you have created the universe
through your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind
by giving us dominion over the earth:
We pray for your world, that we may share
and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for all creation
and in harmony with one another.
Lord of creation,

In your mercy, hear us.

Lord of the harvest, though you have given
the human race a rich land,
a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley,
vines and oil and honey,
we have made through sin
a world of suffering and sorrow:
we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction
that they may come to share
the life of wholeness and plenty.
Lord of creation,

In your mercy, hear us.

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Here we are, God - a planet at prayer.
attune our spirits that we may hear your harmonies
and bow before your creative power
that we may face our violent discords and join your Energy
to make heard in every heart your hymn of peace.

Here we are, God – a militarized planet.
Transform our fears that we may transform our
war fields into wheatfields, arms into handshakes,
missiles into messengers of peace.

Here we are, God – a polluted planet. Purify our vision
that we may perceive ways to purify our beloved lands,
cleanse our precious waters, de-smog our life-giving air.

Here we are, God – an exploited planet. Heal our heart,
that we may respect our resources, hold priceless our people,
and provide for our starving children an abundance of daily bread.

Joan Metzner

Prayer re climate change

Creator God.

Teach us to do your will and act rightly and humbly on your beautiful earth.

Help, we pray, our fellow human beings who are already feeling the consequences of climate change with drought, storms and flooding.

We pray: Be with our political leaders when they put their stamp on the future of the planet for the good of all.

Amen.

Prayer for Healing

Christ, our wounded healer

Suffering the pains of creation,

Lead us back to the tree of life,

To the source of healing for the Earth.

Amen.

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