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Anglican Church of Southern Africa Environmental Network

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A GREEN FUTURE IS A PROSPEROUS FUTURE.



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LITURGY FOR
EARTH DAY

22 APRIL 2023

PRAYERS FOR EARTH DAY 2023

Your Creation

O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your Creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures as signs of our wondrous love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.

Lord, hear our prayer.

www.jesuitresource.org

An End to Waste

Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation.

For access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people. And for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people:

Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all;

That, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression.

For Leaders Impacting Climate Change

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire leaders with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.

Adapted from the COP27 Climate Summit prayer from the EcoJesuits

Tree planting Liturgy

One: The place in the soil is prepared

And the Lord God planted a garden. The Lord God took humans and placed them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. (Gen 2: 8,15)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

ALL: God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Two: The tree is placed in the soil

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. (Ecclesiastes 3.1-2)

Leader: God spread out the earth on the waters,

ALL: God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Three: Earthing in with soil

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. (Genesis 1.11)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

ALL: for God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Four: Watering

I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. (Leviticus 26.4)

Leader: Give thanks to God who formed all things,

ALL: for God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Five: Blessing the tree so that it may grow

And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22.2)

Leader: God alone does great wonders,

ALL: for God's steadfast love endures for ever. Amen.

The priest blesses the tree

From the launch of the Anglican Communion Forest

www.communionforest.org

Sermon notes for Earth Day Sunday

Please find notes on the Revised Common Lectionary readings on

<http://www.preachingforgodsworld.org>