

The Cry of the Earth: Prayers of the Faithful



God saw everything that God had made and behold it was very good. In this time of crises for this wonderful world and its future we turn now to the Lord of creation seeking wisdom and strength to work together in answer to the cry of the earth.

1.

God our Father open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation, in the beauty of life. Touched by your hand may we always realise that our world is holy Lord Hear us.

2.

We pray that we will work together and take more care of our planet now and for the sake of generations yet to come. Lord hear us.

3.

If the present rate of global warming continues, many communities and cities face complete disaster from flood water, give us courage to begin individually and as communities to take concrete steps to bring about change in our behaviour and daily practice so reducing the risks and consequences of our past selfish use of the world's resources. Lord hear us.

4.

The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole, help us to recognise the face of Christ in those who are marginalised and poor, especially as we enter the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Lord hear us

5.

Move the hearts of World leaders and global companies with vast resources and necessary power to take stock of their choices and decision making in such a manner as to favour human and natural development in sustainable and planet friendly ways. Lord hear us

6.

We pray that as a community and parish we may collectively seek active and practical ways of taking responsibility for change at local and family level, through getting involved in study, in eco projects and in helping educate ourselves and others so as to take responsibility for the gifts and blessings God has made available to us. Lord hear us

Father 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 promise of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.