

## Prayers of the Faithful Options for Earth Day, and during Ordinary time.

Suggestions from the Catholic Climate Covenant's homily helps.

1. That we may receive the grace to respect and care for God's creation. *We pray to the Lord.*
2. That all creatures may be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love. *We pray to the Lord.*
3. That we may work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's creation. *We pray to the Lord.*
4. That we as Christians may respond to the Holy Spirit calling us to safeguard God's Creation, and stand in solidarity with all human and non-human inhabitants of the earth. *We pray to the Lord.*
5. That we might open our eyes and ears to what is happening to our Sister, Mother Earth, and speak about it to those around us, *We pray to the Lord.*
6. That we might act to heal the earth with hope and realism, we pray... *We pray to the Lord.*
7. That we might have the wisdom to educate our children about consumerism and protect them from its effects, *We pray to the Lord.*
8. That we as a Christian community develop the honesty, courage, and responsibility to look beyond our own interests to the needs of the earth and its people, *We pray to the Lord.*
9. That we might open our ears to listen to God's call to be prophets whatever our life situations, *We pray to the Lord.*
10. We pray for your creation, the whole cosmos including our common home, and the intricate balance in every part of every ecosystem that sustains life on Earth. *We pray to the Lord*
11. We pray for all of your creatures on Earth, especially those displaced or endangered by fires, rising tides and extreme weather events. *We pray to the Lord*
12. We pray for people who risk their lives to defend creation and for all who have lost their lives in the mission of protecting our sister, Mother Earth. *We pray to the Lord*
13. We pray for the Church, that she may model Jesus through the teachings found in Laudato Si' and bring about ecological conversion, changing hearts and minds to lovingly care for creation. *We pray to the Lord*
14. We pray for social and ecological justice in our world so that we can right the wrongs that create poverty and degrade our common home. *We pray to the Lord*
15. That on this Earth Day, (or other appropriate day), we may renew our commitment to be good stewards of God's Creation, hearing and responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor. *We pray to the Lord.*
16. We pray that we will turn away from fossil fuels and choose new options in our lives and in our investments, and that we will better share the gifts of creation. *We pray to the Lord*

### MORE OPTIONS:

17. That we might grow in respect for all living beings with whom we share the earth, for not one of them is forgotten in God's sight, *We pray to the Lord.*
18. That, inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi – the Patron Saint of ecology – each of us may become instruments of God's healing for all of Creation. *We pray to the Lord.*
19. That we may pass to the future generations the gift of an Earth with cleaner land, water, and air; healed, restored, and teeming with life. *We pray to the Lord.*
20. For all who pray, learn, act and advocate on behalf of Creation and especially for those who have died because of this work. *We pray to the Lord.*
21. For the courage to face all of the Earth's problems with hope, and faith in God. *We pray to the Lord.*
22. That the human family may gain wisdom and courage to treat the non-human inhabitants of the earth with due respect, reverence, and moral consideration. *We pray to the Lord.*

23. Gracious God, bless us as we celebrate your creation and worship you as Creator of all. Help us to understand and act on your will in caring for our Common Home, so that it may sustain all creatures, now and in the future. *We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen*

EVEN MORE OPTIONS from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Liturgy for 2022 Season of Creation:

24. We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation. *Lord, in your mercy...*
25. We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy. *Lord, in your mercy...*
26. We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. *Lord, in your mercy...*
27. We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. *Lord, in your mercy...*
28. We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognize the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. *Lord, in your mercy...*
29. We pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable. *Lord, in your mercy...*
30. We pray for our local community: that through God's grace we may be good neighbors to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made. *Lord, in your mercy...*