

Environment Sunday is celebrated at the end of May.

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An Amazing Day

*I thank You God
for most this amazing day:
for leaping greenly spirits
of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything
which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes.*

E.E. Cummings

The Garden is Rich

The garden is rich with diversity
With plants of a hundred families
In the space between the trees
With all the colours and fragrances.
Basil, mint and lavender,
Great Mystery keep my remembrance pure,
Raspberry, Apple, Rose,
Great Mystery fill my heart with love,
Dill, anise, tansy,
Holy winds blow in me.
Rhododendron, zinnia,
May my prayer be beautiful
May my remembrance O Great Mystery
Be as incense to thee
In the sacred grove of eternity
As I smell and remember
The ancient forests of earth.

Chinook Psalter



*Some day, we shall laugh
at our fears.
Someday, whales, wetlands, forests
will laugh at their fear of us.
For we will treaty a Peace*

*and our violence shall end.
Shall bow. Shall bend, by God!
And with such courtesies
Watery earth shall mend.*

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The Beauty of Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Walter Rauschenbusch



Prayers of Intercession

For the waters of the world, that they may be restored to health and filled with bountiful life.

For Earth's soil, that its richness be protected to assure abundant harvests for all.

For all creatures who share Earth with us, that their beauty and diversity will be preserved.

For all people who have been and will be directly impacted by the effects of climate change.

For future generations, may they learn from our environmental irresponsibility, and be good stewards living simply and in harmony with creation.

For wisdom for decision makers in Canada and around the world, that wealthy nations may make amendments for the harm they have done to the environment and find creative and just solutions to protect all of creation.

For all of the intentions we hold silently in our hearts. God of Creation, help us to respect and renew the Earth.

Adapted from Earth Day Prayer Service

Canticle of the Creatures

All praise be yours, My Lord
through all that you have made.

And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day...
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air...

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
So useful, lowly, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten up the night...

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us...and produces various fruits
With colored flowers and herbs...

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.

St Francis of Assisi



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