

Prayer for the Season of Creation 2024 (North America)

Creator God,

We praise you for your boundless love, through which you brought the perfection of this world into being and included us as part of your creation without hesitation.

We confess that we do not always relate to the Earth as a gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

During this Season of Creation, open our hearts to cherish the precious diversity that surrounds us. Inspire us to conserve the beautiful habitats that nurture this web of life and to care for each other as your children, one family living in our common home.

In the face of impacts of the crisis and uncertainty, we ask for your help to hope and act in harmony with Creation. As true followers of Christ, help us to make the changes and decisions needed to live together in our common home, in communion and with a particular attention to our brothers and sisters most affected by the climate crisis we all face. Guide us to care for our nation and all its people, fostering care, unity, and compassion in these challenging times.

Loving God, we ask you to guide our nation and enlighten us to act in ways that protect your Creation, which so lovingly sustains and nurtures us. May your mercy open our hearts to love and respect you through our care for Creation.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and hearts to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters who inhabit this common home. United in prayer, may we keep the faith and bring hope to act and repair Creation.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ, Amen.