

**Prayers of the People
Earth Sunday 2018**

Creator God, teach us to see you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for everything that you have made.
Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected
to everything that is. *Silence*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord
We give you thanks, O God.

God whom we love, we stand before you with open and humble hearts.
In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel
the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us -
Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans,
Forest, meadows, trees, flowers. *Silence*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord
We give you thanks, O God.

God of love, show us our place in this world,
as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth.
They came forth from your hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
and not one of them is forgotten in your sight. *Silence*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord
We give you thanks, O God.

Saving God, we give thanks for all human beings on the earth,
Created from dust, yet crowned with glory,
Those we know and those who are strangers;
Those near to us and those far away;
All of us beautiful, all of us flawed. *Silence*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord
We give you thanks, O God.

God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air,
On which our lives depend moment by moment.
In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete dependence
On our beloved Mother Earth who nurtures us
and sustains our every breath. *Silence*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord
We give you thanks, O God

Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth,
Yet, we acknowledge that we in the developed world,
have often wasted the gifts of the earth, taking more than our share,
leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and need.
Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth,
so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us,
but generations to come after us.

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

We give you thanks, O God.