



Faith Climate Action Week

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General Prayers on Earth Care and Climate Change

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Prayer for Compassion and Action for Climate Change

(with hands stretched open and/or passing inflatable earth to one another during the prayer)

We hold the Earth.

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.

We hold all species who suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

(Pause for quiet heart prayers.)

We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions world wide.

We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community.

We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities
So that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say

We are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.

May Love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.

A Buddhist Prayer

New Mexico IPL uses this as a commitment at each of our Earth Sabbath monthly gatherings

All: I vow to myself and to each of you:

To commit myself daily to the healing of our world and the welfare of all beings.

To live on Earth more lightly and less violently in the food, products, and energy I consume.

To draw strength and guidance from the living Earth, the ancestors, the future generations, and my brothers and sisters of all species.

To support others in our work for the world and to ask for help when I need it.

To pursue a daily practice that clarifies my mind, strengthens my heart, and supports me in observing these vows.

Prayer of Love and Healing for Earth

O God of All Names and Beyond All Names,

I pray in great gratitude this holy day for Love.

Love raises the sun and greets me

in each drop of water I drink,

in each crumb of bread I taste,
in each smile and tear I touch,
in each child I meet.
In a mantle of awe I stand enwrapped.
My feet rest upon Earth and my head meets the moon.

O Holy One, our times are fraught with challenge.
Our Earth suffers climatic chaos,
Men, women and children suffer from wounds of conflict,
droughts, floods and crumbling economic systems.

All manner of suffering and questions press into my soul.
My small beating heart does not seem large enough...
yet daily it keeps expanding beyond body boundaries into Compassion.

Each morning Love rises beyond a known horizon in the unknown day.
Each morning Hope beckons me into my stardust destiny.
Each noontime Grace feeds me with Love.
Each evening an invisible Breath enfolds me in a shawl of mercy.
O Holy one Who Is Love, Hope, Grace and Breath
transform our sadness and doubt into songs for Life.

We pray for our beloved planet and all brothers and sisters.
May healing waters bathe the rivers and oceans.
May small, deliberate actions grow seeds of Earth justice.
May one prophetic note of the smallest birdsong courageously sung
on a busy street at dawn inspire leaders to free their voices to speak
for the Common Good and future generations.

O God of All Names and Beyond All Names, Whose Face is Love
May I and we collectively
Be the face of Transforming Love
In this moment, In this day, In these times. Amen.