

The Parish Church of St. Giles with
St Mary's, Pontefract



Prayers for World Environment Day
Saturday 5th June 2021

This short booklet of prayers has been put together to mark World Environment Day on the 5th June. Please feel free to use some or all of the prayers in this booklet as part of your daily prayer that day.

Heavenly Father,
You have taught us, through your servant St Francis,
That all creation is your handiwork.
Grant us your grace that we may
Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;
Tread lightly upon it;
And cherish its resources;
That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations,
And your name be glorified through all that you have made.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved,
open the eyes of your people,
that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet.
Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Eternal God,
whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life;
by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.
Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards,
that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth
may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life
and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works;
through Jesus Christ, your living Word,
in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport

Lord Jesus,
the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea;
help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move
towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy;
help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham

Creator God,
Thank you for the waters of the earth,
for the life-sustaining rains,
lakes, and deep oceans.
Keep us mindful of how precious these are,
and how vulnerable they are.
Help us to work together for clean water,
and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle

Creator of our common home,
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life
Forgive us our neglect of your creation
The choking waste of our pollution
The damage done by careless habits
And our indifference to future generations.
Help us to amend our lives
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it
To lift our voice for lasting change
And to live well and gently on the earth
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word
Through whom you made this fragile world.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Everlasting God

whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters,
and endows them with form and colour:

give us, we pray, the mind and heart
to rejoice in the majesty of creation.

Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world
and to seek the common good,
that through your blessing all may flourish,
and creation sing your praise
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Rt Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter and Chair of the
Liturgical Commission**

God of life,
we praise you for the beauty of creation,
its richness and variety;
yet, through greed and ignorance,
we scar your world with plastic waste
and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus,
treading gently on our common home,
and breathe your Spirit on us,
that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rt Rev'd Graham Usher, Bishop of Dudley

God our Father,
As we celebrate the beauty and diversity of your creation,
we are truly sorry for our consumerism and wastefulness.
Have mercy on us for contaminating the Earth with billions of tons of
plastic waste.
Please give each one of us the desire and the means to put things right;
no longer trusting in ourselves but in your grace and wisdom alone.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,
Amen

**Rev'd Arthur Champion, Environment Officer, Diocese of
Gloucester**

Creator God,
We acknowledge that as your handiwork,
we stand alongside all that you have made.
Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys,
soaring birds and scuttling creatures,
all are held within your care.
May we grow in our love and appreciation
for the fabulous variety around us;
and may our awe and wonder draw us closer
to the natural world, and through it to you,
the God of all things.
We pray in Jesus name,
Amen

**Rev'd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer Diocese of
Gloucester**

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