

## February 2021 - The Earth in Lent Days of Prayer



WELCOME

*Light a Candle*

**May the holy and life-giving God  
Teach us to reverence all His Works, to praise Him in all  
we do, to live in His image and to His glory. Amen.**

from Celtic Daily Prayer

*Time to reflect on the photo from space...leading to confession*

Land is a gift of God to His people. The Scriptures remind us that the people of God are charged with tending, caring, resting and stewarding the land. But when people violate God's laws then the land is spoiled.

**We confess our sin in penitence and with sorrow.**

We grieve at the polluted seas, poisoned atmosphere, all ugliness, misuse and greed, at arrogant exploitation and indifference to consequences.

**Have mercy on us, Lord. Heal our lives and Your World. Amen.**

Compassionate God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows.  
We are hurt by the despoiling of the living Earth, which we love.  
We are angry at the loss we contemplate. We long for words of comfort,  
yet find them hard to hear.

**Turn our grief to active love.  
Turn our anger to energy for repair of the world.  
Turn our guilt to solidarity  
and by your forgiveness make us whole with all creation.**

**Prayer written by Andii Bowsher**

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A reading and reflection space...

*Abba Father, all things are possible to Thee...* Rowan Williams



Pray for **COP 26** and everyone involved, whatever faith, creed, race or nation, in changing how humans see and treat the Earth and all that is

*The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, is the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference. It is scheduled to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 1 to 12 November 2021 under the presidency of the United Kingdom.*

John 1:14-18 #Live Lent

**14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.** 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") **16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.** **17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** **18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

Reflection on John's words by Archbishops Welby and Sentamu in the #Live Lent 2018 booklet – Week 1 Friday

*Find time, until we meet again, to move closer to God's Heart...*

O God who is Love,  
**Let Love empower our compassion  
Let Love embrace each and every one  
Let Love unite humans and non-human  
In restorative co-existence.**

O Jesus, Love come down to earth  
**May we honour the Earth  
May we honour all that dwells in the Earth  
May we be reconciled with the Earth  
Become what we are, of the Earth.**

O Spirit of Love  
**Grant us a spirit of humility  
Grant us a spirit of carefulness  
Grant us a spirit of friendship  
For the Earth and all that dwells with us here.**

**Prayer written by Toni Bennett**  
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March's **Day of Prayer** will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am 4 pm and 8pm. The theme is 'Easter Earth'. For your Zoom link please email the Office. If you attended in or January or February, I will email you directly.