

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

By Pope Francis

All powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
so that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace,  
so that may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue  
the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
so that we may protect the world  
and not prey on it,  
so that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those  
who look only for gain at the expense  
of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover  
the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey toward your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love, and peace. Amen.

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