

Daily Word Prayers

Environment

August 2, 1999

Monday

I do my part in being a caretaker of planet Earth.

When I look at the sky, hear the birds singing in the trees, or feel the heat of the sun on my face, I am reminded that planet Earth is a wonderful gift that God has given all. I am also reminded that I have an important responsibility as a caretaker of life on Earth.

I am thankful that plants take carbon dioxide from the air and give back life-sustaining oxygen. Lakes and rivers through-out the earth provide the water needed for survival and recreation. Refreshing rains replenish life in deserts, valleys, and plains.

As a caretaker, I act in responsible, caring ways toward the environment. I do my part to ensure that the fruits of the earth continue to flourish, the air remains pure, and the water supplies flow clean.

"When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." --Genesis 9:16.

Environment

January 29, 2001

Monday

I do my part in keeping the environment healthy and whole.

God created a beautiful wondrous world, a home that is shared by a diverse multitude of life.

I am only one in that multitude, but I accept the responsibility of doing my part in keeping the environment healthy and whole. I follow a plan of being a friend to the environment, recycling what I can and leaving parks and other public areas even cleaner than I found them.

I also remember to bless the environment in my prayers of thanksgiving. I am thankful for fresh air and clean water. I am thankful for rich soil that produces bountiful harvests. I am thankful for plants that produce oxygen and for rivers and streams that carry water everywhere.

Yes, I am thankful for a healthy, thriving environment!

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." --Genesis 1:31

Blessing God's Creatures

December 6, 2003

Saturday

I bless all creatures as expressions of God's life, order; and beauty on Earth.

Not only in the forests, deserts, tundras, and jungles, but also in the midst of the busiest metropolitan areas, I will find birds, animals, insects, reptiles, and perhaps even fish thriving. As I walk through a park or through a parking lot, I see that all creatures exist in an intricate web of diverse life.

All God's creatures are reminders of the miraculous life, order, and beauty that permeate my surroundings. Whether they display colorful feathers, thick fur, or iridescent scales, they have a uniqueness and purpose to express on planet Earth.

I send a blessing to all pets, to the wild creatures common to my area, and to the exotic species of other lands that I may never encounter. I bless all God's creatures for the way they participate so gracefully in the intricate and intertwined order of life.

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Walk Lightly

July 14, 2002

Sunday

I walk lightly through each day in a spirit of gentleness.

I am in awe of the bounty that God provides through the miraculous environment in which I live: the sun that warms me, the oxygen-filled air that renews me, the water that cleanses and refreshes me, and the rich soil that bears an abundance of food that nourishes me.

I express my appreciation with a commitment to God to use only what I need and to "walk lightly," leaving as little impact on the environment as I can.

I apply this same pledge to my interactions with friends, coworkers, family members, and all creation. I walk lightly through each day--in a spirit of gentleness toward everyone and everything with whom I share this planet.

"I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." --Genesis 1:29

Blessing for Earth

January 11, 2003

Saturday

Today and every day, I treat Earth well and bless it in prayer.

An American Indian proverb reminds us to treat the Earth well because it is on loan to us from our children. The actions I take today will in some way affect the Earth and the future generations that will inhabit it, so I remain mindful of how I am treating the planet that is my home and sanctuary. And I bless the Earth in my prayers:

"God, thank You for Earth. With each step I take on its land and every stroke I swim in its waters, I treat my home well. With each breeze that caresses my face, I am reminded of the glory of this natural habitat.

"I pray that all inhabitants will be respectful of Earth and treat it well, making right decisions that will bless generations for years to come."

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void. . . . Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light."
--Genesis 1:1-3

Environment

April 28, 2003

Monday

One with all God's creation, I am a caretaker of the environment.

God is the Creator of all life and of the environment that sustains and nourishes life. Being a creation within that greater whole that God has created, I care about and for the environment.

I make a dedicated effort to recognize and revere the presence of God within all life and all elements of the environment. Because I have made this connection, I feel a sense of completeness. I am one with and a caretaker for all God's creation.

God is the very essence of all that surrounds me and fills me. God-life is in the air that I breathe, in the ground that I walk on, and in the rain that falls to nourish plant life. When I am truly aware of being one with God, I experience the joy and wonder of knowing my oneness with all creation.

"Choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
--Joshua 24:15

All God's Creation

November 30, 2001

Friday

I give thanks that I share a sacred bond. with all that God has created.

Each creation of God is unique and glorious in its own special way.

As one of God's creations, I am unique, but I share a oneness with all that God has created--a sacred bond of life that transcends any physical differences among us.

I don't look the same as the eagle that soars high above the earth, but I know how it feels to be free of all tethers. My soul is free to soar because God has lifted all burdens from me.

The trees that I see and touch may not talk to me in an audible voice, but I learn from them about the importance of being flexible and yielding to winds of change. I am flexible--yielding to the greater wisdom of God.

I thank God that I do share a oneness of being--a sacred bond--with all creation.

"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating."
--Isaiah 65:18

My World

October 30, 1999

Saturday

I embrace each new day and the wonder that God has created.

There is something I can do for myself that will awaken within me a sense of beauty and life: I look at everything around me with all the attention and appreciation I would in discovering it for the very first time.

This is how I can relive the wide-eyed wonder of my childhood--eagerly exploring new places, trying to find out exactly how things work, and greeting each day with joyful enthusiasm.

The glory of God fills my days. As I live life to the fullest in every moment, I gratefully embrace the joy that each new moment, each new day brings.

What may have seemed ordinary yesterday comes alive when I consider the divine artistry that was responsible for creating it. My world is filled with the glory of God, and I view it with wonder and appreciation.

"Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" --2 Corinthians 5:17