

Creation Care Prayers

Loving God, show us how to do things well today,
So that others may not suffer,
Here and there,
Now and in the future.

Show us how to make our contribution
As we change the way we live,
Travel, make and consume,
Distribute and sell,
Use and reuse.

Show us how to do simple things well in our homes,
Our places of work, and in our daily lives.
Show us how to protect the world you made,
In all its diversity and goodness.

Show us how and show us why,
So that alone and with others
Our contribution will make a difference.

Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home. Strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference, we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation might sing to your glory. **Amen.**

—adapted from the Church of England's Environment Programme

Holy God, the abundance you bless us with was always meant to be shared. Make us responsible stewards and help us to reassess the way we live. Remind us that haste does lead to waste, and that throwaway items often disrespect both people and planet. Help us to slow down, and to form communities of accountability that help us to reduce our waste. May our steps towards a lifestyle without waste be a special offering of service to you, a pleasing sacrifice of love for you and your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

—A Prayer adapted from the Uniting Church in Australia