

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 Revd Graham Usher
Bishop of Norwich and Lead Bishop on the Environment

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 Revd 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 Revd 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 Revd Libby Lane
Bishop of Derby

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 Revd 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 Revd Christine Hardman
Former 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 Revd 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 Revd Robert Atwell

Bishop of Exeter and Chair of the Liturgical Commission

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

Revd Arthur Champion

Former 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

Revd Cate Williams

Environment Officer, Diocese of Gloucester

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