

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in smallest of Your creatures. You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of Your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. To You alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.

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, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, 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 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 towards 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.

Source: Prayer by Pope Francis, from the encyclical, Laudato Si'