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# Prayer for Lent 4

**[Prayer for Lent 4, quoting Laudato Si and St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures, 1225]**

## **APPROACH. CONFESSION, PARDON & SENDING**

Mothering God of a vulnerable Earth  
who in turn, like a mother, both cares and needs care:  
In praise prayer, with all our being,  
we share that fruitful heritage  
of Christian faith in just partnership

“Praise be to you,  
through that Sister, Mother Earth,  
who sustains and governs us,  
producing such a diversity of fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.

Praise be to you in the mountains and valleys  
Praise be to you in the glaciers and rivers  
Praise be to you in the cities and towns,  
the farms, and yes, even those factories  
where praise is the key and the joy  
that transforms greed to generosity  
selfishness to community  
eradication to negotiation.

Praise be to you where cries are heard  
Praise be to you where warnings attended to:

the cries from the floods and the wildfires  
that need not have happened:  
the cries from those storms and the hurricanes  
so clearly provoked;  
the cries from those beaches  
made ugly with plastic and worse  
and the livelihoods stolen  
for want of transition:  
transition with justice, with love.

As life cries out in deepest anguish  
Show us how the forgiveness you offer  
may equip and enlist us  
as your people forgiven,  
your people reborn:

to care for life that cares for us.  
to tend the life that tends us  
and even in our endings  
to plant seeds for life to come.  
AMEN

#### **BLESSING FOR WEEK 4** **[quoting Laudato Si and St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures, 1225]**

"Praise be to you,  
through that Sister, Mother Earth,  
who sustains and governs us,  
producing such diversity of fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".  
And blessed be your people, your creatures earth and your skies

Christ of the wilderness,  
friend of the wildlife;  
Wild Wind and Breath of all flesh:  
be our blessing, our friend and our guide  
here and far. AMEN