

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' Canticum 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 our blessing, our friend and our guide
here and far. AMEN