

A Prayer for Our Time and for the Earth

Dear God, Creator of the earth, this home we share,
Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around
and to protect the wonders of creation.

Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us
and to know them as family.

Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land
and to hear and understand those who extract its resources.

Give us new hearts to embrace the brokenness in our communities
and to heal the wounds we have inflicted.

Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people
and to shape beloved community.

For you are the One who seeks the lost,
binds our wounds and sets us free,
and it is the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

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