

From The Earth Charter.....

We stand at a critical moment in history -

A time when humanity must choose its future.

As our world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile , the future holds great peril and great promise .

To move forward we must recognise that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms , we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny.

The natural world is the one sacred community to which we all belong .

To be alienated from this community is to become destitute in all that makes us human...



Can we commit ourselves.....

To be mindful each day of the sacredness of Planet Earth.

To give thanks to and for the creatures and plants that nourish us.

To welcome and celebrate the turning of the planet's seasons.

To ensure that the riches of Planet Earth are not misused on weapons of war.

To use material goods with care so that all may share the bounty of Earth.

To live in such a way that future generations inherit a better world .

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The present is not a time
for desperation ,
but a time for
hopeful activity.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

Belonging

to

Mother Earth

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Our Common Home

We celebrate the unique
nature of our planet,

the amazing mystery of life
on our planet

and the bond we have with
Earth as our precious home.

EARTH'S STORY – A STORY OF WONDER

In our time, the Earth , through science ,is telling us her story.

We hear of

an immeasurable zest for life,

an unlimited longing to create.

We discover

Incredible secrets and magnificent beauty .

When we listen to her story we experience a love that asks us to stay connected in a way that is

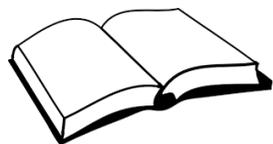
mutually sustaining and

mutually caring.

We nurture the most significant relationship we have—

The relationship with Life itself

Judy Cannato



Poet and mystic Mary Oliver helps us to explore our common home

Truly we live with mysteries too marvellous to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of lambs.

How rivers and stones are forever in allegiance with gravity

while we ourselves dream of rising .

How two hands touch and the bonds will never be broken.

Let me keep company always with those who say, “Look,” and laugh in astonishment. And bow their heads .

There is only one question.

How to love the Earth?

Mary Oliver

The Seasons , the Circle of Life

The seasons of Earth tell our story of unfolding growth .They are reflective of the changes in our life . In nature’s pages we can read of our own journey through life and through death to new life .

Spring

As the sun’s rays strike our planet more directly, the Earth responds with newness and freshness. Spring teaches us that nothing dies completely ,that Life is eternal .

Summer

This is the season when nature comes into fullness. The long days of summer light encourage anything that has enough moisture to stretch its utmost to the sun.

Autumn

Autumn teaches us to recognise the progress in our spirit, to see the fruits of character and insight that we have developed over the years.

Winter

Winter introduces us to the fact that there is a Mystery that calls us to believe in what is not yet apparent.

What do the seasons say to you about your life at this time?