

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation.

You fashioned time and space itself in the initial magnificent flaring forth.

You breathed life into all beings and you continue to dwell and work in all creation to sustain that life.

Be with us now at this critical moment of our history.

Open our ears to the cry of the earth, suffering the effects of human exploitation and unbridled consumption.

Open our ears to the cries of our brothers and sisters living in the midst of extreme poverty and hunger.

Give us a deeper awareness that we are part of all that you have made,
That we are intimately connected to all that has been, all that is and all that will be.

Grant us a spirit of awe and wonder as we contemplate the marvels of your creation, recognising and giving thanks for your presence within and around us.

Give us a deep respect for all life and help us to renew our commitment to foster life wherever we are.

May we live lives characterised by compassion and service and may we embody your love in our relationships with one another and with all creation.
Amen.

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Pope Francis' Message
for the World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation, September 1st 2023.

“LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER”

“The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. Justice is as essential to our lives as God’s children, as water is essential to our physical survival. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water nourishing humanity and all creatures”.

Pope Francis invites us to “heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.”

“Let us transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies renewing our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator.”