

Response to the Cry of the Earth

Goals: Advocate for:

- Reduction of fossil fuels to meet Paris goals and beyond.
- Support legislation and regulations to end fossil fuel methane pollution. and move to keeping fossil fuels in the ground while providing for jobs and transition for frontline communities in extractive regions.
- End fossil fuel subsidies.
- Greater use of clean renewable energy and clean car standards.
- Promote biodiversity and work to protect Rainforests.
- Guarantee of clean water for all.
- International climate fund.
- Reforestation and Rainforests.
- Support small-scale farming.

Actions:

- Divest in fossil fuels.
- Educate others.
- Advocate for alternative fuel sources.
- Support alternative jobs.
- Work and advocate for clean water quality.
- Plant trees and native vegetation.
- Support Community Supported Agriculture.
- Plant a garden or a few pots.
- Eat less meat.

Resources:

<https://earthjustice.org/features/how-climate-change-is-fueling-extreme-weather>

Interfaith Power and Light is the largest faith-based organization working on climate concerns with people of faith and conscience in the US. Resources and up-to-date policy advocacy actions can be found at any of the 40 state affiliate websites and at the national website.

<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

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Prayer of Love and Healing for Earth

**O God of All Names and Beyond All Names,
I pray in great gratitude this holy day for Love.
Love raises the sun and greets me
in each drop of water I drink,
in each crumb of bread I taste,
in each smile and tear I touch,
in each child I meet.
In a mantle of awe I stand enwrapped.
My feet rest upon Earth and my head meets the moon.**

**O Holy One, our times are fraught with challenge.
Our Earth suffers climatic chaos,
Men, women and children suffer from wounds of conflict , droughts, floods,
and crumbling economic systems.**

**All manner of suffering and questions press into my soul.
My small beating heart does not seem large enough...
yet daily it keeps expanding
beyond body boundaries into Compassion.**

**Each morning Love rises beyond a known horizon in the unknown day.
Each morning Hope beckons me into my stardust destiny.
Each noontime Grace feeds me with Love.
Each evening an invisible Breath enfolds me in a shawl of mercy.
O Holy one Who Is Love, Hope, Grace and Breath
transform our sadness and doubt into songs for Life.**

**We pray for our beloved planet and all brothers and sisters.
May healing waters bathe the rivers and oceans.
May small, deliberate actions grow seeds of Earth justice.
May one prophetic note of the smallest birdsong courageously sung
on a busy street at dawn inspire leaders to free their voices to speak
for the Common Good and future generations.**

**O God of All Names and Beyond All Names, Whose Face is Love
May I and we collectively
Be the face of Transforming Love
In this moment, In this day, In these times. Amen.**

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