

Prayer – Earth Day – Are We Listening?

Beloved Creator, heartbeat of life, ground of our being:
On this day, set apart to honor Earth,
 open our ears to hear the cries of our neighbors
 in the community of creation.

The wetlands are groaning under the pressures of development.
 Are we listening?

The forests are groaning from the introduction of invasive species.
 Are we listening?

The lakes are groaning from chemical runoff.
 Are we listening?

The hills are groaning from the removal of their ancient trees.
 Are we listening?

Open our ears to heed the cries of Earth and our fellow creatures.
Open our eyes to the wonder and beauty of this most amazing universe.
Open our hearts to love the world as you love.
Open our minds to imagine a reciprocal future, where we give back as much as we take.
Open our lives to new ways of being earth-keepers, companions, advocates,
 and champions of justice and mercy for all beings. Amen.

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