

# PRAYER FOR EARTH COMMUNITY

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*Spirit of Life and of Love. Dear God.*

*We come, first, to confess.*

*Our comforts, our wasteful ways have been purchased at a huge price.*

*We thought Earth was here for us to use, in any way we wished.*

*The language of dominion over Earth led us astray.*

*We are a part of the interconnected web of existence, not apart from it.*

*We are born of Earth and supported by her bounty. She is our mother.*

*We thought she could recover always, never be depleted, forgive even our most violent attacks.*

*Our violation of Earth has amounted to matricide.*

*By insisting that the poor and people of color bear the greatest human cost,  
we have been committing fratricide.*

*By our headlong rush to use up Earth 'til she is spent, we have been committing suicide.*

*Dear Mother, we are beginning to see what we have done.*

*We promise to do everything in our power to bring the violation to an end.*

*We pray that we will have the wisdom and the will to do this well.*

*We pray we are not too late.*

*We pray that we have the imagination, the will, and the spirit to heal our Earth Community,  
to sustain you as you have sustained us.*

*As new winds of hope sweep across the land, let us rise to embrace them.*

*Amen*

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