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## January 2017 Environmental Prayer Diary

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>1</b> | Pray that we may all learn to live simpler lifestyles in the coming year.   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2</b> | "Human progress is not just the accumulation of wealth and the thoughtless consumption of the earth's resources."<br><b><i>Patriarch Bartholomew, The Orthodox Church</i></b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>3</b> | God of heaven and earth, you are calling us to play our part in the care of your creation and to manage carefully the land you have given us to tend. We pray for wisdom as we seek an agriculture designed, not for money-making, but for feeding the world. Guide our policy-makers, planners and farmers, and help us all to understand that we hold land, not in perpetuity, but in trust for generations to come |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>4</b> | Pray for farmers as they cope with the changing weather patterns and ask for good crops.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>SDG Target #3</b><br>By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being<br><b><i>Pray</i></b> for this goal to be attained  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>6</b> | Pray for intergenerational equity in relation to the human use of natural resources   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>7</b> | "The morning glories and the sunflowers turn naturally toward the light, but we have to be taught, it seems."<br><b><i>Richard Rohr</i></b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8</b> | Pray for scientists and scholars, that new knowledge may come to light to further the quality of life for all peoples and all creatures in their journey to wholeness.  |

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9</b>  | Give thanks for all the women who are dedicated to the preservation of our environment and pray that they may be strengthened in their task  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10</b> | We thank you for brother sun, sister moon and the stars. We give thanks for the rhythm of the days, months and years. Help us to value both light and darkness. Grant us wisdom in the use of energy supplies, and inspiration in the development of renewable resources.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>11</b> | <p>Your plundered earth, with its rich variety of endangered species, is crying out for healing. Help us to be instruments of that healing, O Lord, and to redeem the harm we have done to the planet</p>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12</b> | Pray for clean energy policies and a greater commitment to renewable energy.   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>13</b> | Pray for water authorities through-out the world but especially in our land and for the management of this precious commodity for the benefit of all.  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>14</b> | <p><b>Reflection:</b></p> <p>Pope Francis - <i>Laudato Si</i></p> <p>“Some forms of pollution are part of people’s daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agROTOXINS in general. Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others.”</p> <p><b>Pray</b> that we may be aware of the problems of pollution, and that we may be very aware of the mysterious and delicate network of relations that exists amongst all Creation.</p> |

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>15</b> | <p>Gracious God, you have given us much this day: the wheat and grapes which found our feast, the wisdom and will to transform them into bread and wine, and the precious presence of your Son who transfigures and redeems all that we have broken and lost. Send us out now to care for this fragile earth, our island home. Grant us the wisdom and the will to transform the toxic, irreverent ways we live, and the saving presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, who goes before us and calls us into this world you love. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever, Amen</p> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>16</b> | <p>We thank you, God, for this beautiful planet. Bless it and keep it safe from harm. We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air and water. May we care for all you have made. Help us to love the Earth as you do.</p>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>17</b> | <p><b>SDG Target #6</b></p> <p>By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations</p> <p><b>Pray</b> that this goal may be attained</p>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>18</b> | <p>Please pray for wisdom for those in authority who are trying to alleviate poverty. Especially pray for job creation</p>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>19</b> | <p>Help us to respond with wisdom and foresight to the threat of climate change. We pray for those affected by rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions. Help us, in reducing our own carbon footprint, to play our part in reducing this country's carbon emissions. Grant us the personal and political will to make a difference.</p>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>20</b> | <p>"Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same."</p> <p><b>Helen Keller</b></p>   |

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>21</b> | <p>May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning. bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers:<br/> may all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen, amen<br/> Power praise and honour, eternal glory to God the only Giver of grace Amen, Amen, Amen<br/> <b>Third century hymn</b></p>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>22</b> | <p>Living God Where there is waste, let us bring recycling, Where there is recycling, let us bring reuse, Where there is reuse, let us bring sustainability, Where there is sustainability, let us bring justice Where there is justice, let us bring love</p>    |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>23</b> | <p>God of love, you gave us this universe filled with your gifts. Help us to reverence all your Creation, respecting the rights of all species, and the integrity of the elements, so that all Creation may live with you for all eternity</p>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>24</b> | <p><b>Reflection:</b><br/> Pope Francis - <i>Laudato Si</i><br/> “[Global] Warming has effects on the carbon cycle. It creates a vicious circle which aggravates the situation even more, affecting the availability of essential resources like drinking water, energy and agricultural production in warmer regions, and leading to the extinction of part of the planet's biodiversity. The melting in the polar ice caps and in high altitude plains can lead to the dangerous release of methane gas, while the decomposition of frozen organic material can further increase the emission of carbon dioxide. Things are made worse by the loss of tropical forests which would otherwise help to mitigate climate change. Carbon dioxide pollution increases the acidification of the oceans and compromises the marine food chain. If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change and an unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequences for all of us. A rise in the sea level, for example, can create extremely serious situations, if we consider that a quarter of the world's population lives on the coast or nearby, and that the<br/> <b>Prayerfully</b> consider the implications of Global Warming and Climate Change on our Communities.</p> |

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>25</b> | Pray for climate justice and a caring and committed response by industrialized nations toward poorer nations affected by the impacts of human induced climate change.   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>26</b> | Pray for alternative, low-cost solutions to resources like oil and coal that are limited  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>27</b> | S.A. is at the forefront of research into clean coal technology aimed at reducing greenhouse gasses. Pray for breakthroughs for our scientists in this field  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>28</b> | “There is no path to peace, but peace itself is the path.”<br><b>Richard Rohr</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>29</b> | <p>This is your garden, Creator God<br/> a thing of beauty beyond<br/> understanding,<br/> a poem that is being written<br/> not in words, but in colours,<br/> wind's whisper,<br/> soaring bird,<br/> flower's petal,<br/> gentle rain,<br/> sunlight's warmth.</p>  <p>This is your garden, Creator God,<br/> a thing of beauty beyond understanding.</p> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>30</b> | By faith -<br>I gaze up to the heavens and know within its vastness<br>that this is your creation planned and effected within eternity.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>31</b> | Father, we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the scale and complication of the environmental problems we face. Help us to see how we may respond in our daily lives to the challenges that face us, and help us to understand that where we lead, others may follow   |



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