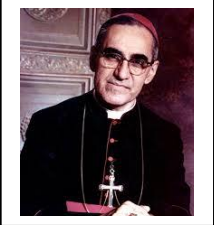








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November 2024 Environmental Prayer Diary

The purpose of this Prayer Diary is to provide subjects for your reflection and prayer as the Spirit moves you


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| <p>Friday</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>“A church that does not provoke any crises, a gospel that does not unsettle, a word of God that does not get under anyone’s skin, a word of God that does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed—what gospel is that?”</p> <p><i>Archbishop Romero, April 16, 1978x`</i></p> |  |
| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>Habakkuk 2:2-14</p> <p>2 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. The LORD’s Answer 2 Then the LORD replied:</p> <p>6 “Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, “Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?”</p> <p>7 Will not your creditors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their prey.</p> <p>8 Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed human blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.</p> <p>9 “Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain, setting his nest on high to escape the clutches of ruin!</p> <p>10 You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.</p> <p>11 The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.</p> <p>12 “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice!</p> <p>13 Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people’s labour is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?</p> <p>14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>20 The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.</p> | |

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| <p>Sunday</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Father of creation, we thank you for all that you have made; For the joy and glimpses of you we find in nature's beauty, For the variety of all you have provided through its resources. Help us to tread lightly and use wisely, Valuing the needs of others, and of creation, above our own desires. Challenge us where we need to change our lifestyles, Convict us when we need to speak out on behalf of a voiceless people, or world And soften us where we have stood in judgement of others. Father in your mercy, change us and use us For the restoration of your world, and the protection of all your children. Amen.</p> |
| <p>Monday</p> | <p>4</p> |  |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>The problem of climate change is huge and already devastating the lives of millions of people. It can sometimes be hard to know how best to respond. But as Christians we're part of a global movement that can bring about real change as we pray and act.</p> <p>Pray for creation and our global neighbours who depend on it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For protection, strength and perseverance for poor communities who are being pushed further into poverty by the changing climate. • For the global church to be bold as it speaks out for governments to respond. • For governments across the world to take the urgent and ambitious action needed.  |

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| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in Armed Conflict and War'</p> <p>Though humanity has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicized victim of war. Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.</p>  <p>Furthermore, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water. Conflicts involving natural resources have also been found to be twice as likely to relapse.</p> <p>The United Nations attaches great importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding strategies, because there can be no durable peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed.</p> <p>The UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) supports the Secretary-General's peace initiatives, oversees mediation, political transition and peacebuilding processes, and assists UN Member States as they carry out elections. DPPA provides the Secretary-General and the UN system with timely analysis of political developments around the world.</p> <p>Pray that peaceful resolutions be found to conflicts.</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>Creator God – maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen; You are in the expanse and depth of Creation, and in the processes that make life possible.</p> <p>Yet we are distracted by the gods we make ourselves and our lives become fractured and fragmented.</p> <p>In our brokenness we disturb the Earth’s capacity to hold us. Instead we find climate uncertainty and global injustice.</p> <p>Call us back from the brink.</p> <p>Help us to choose love not fear, to change ourselves and not the planet; to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable; and to make a difference today for life tomorrow.</p> <p>In your name – Father, Son and Spirit.</p> <p>Amen</p> |
| <p>Friday</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>“If we are to achieve the SDGs, we need to act boldly and urgently to reduce the risks that environmental degradation and climate change present for conflict and commit to protecting our planet from the debilitating effects of war.”</p> <p>António Guterres <i>Secretary-General of the United Nations</i></p>  |




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| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 November) <i>2024 Theme: “Science for and with society.”</i></p> <p>World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.</p> <p>By linking science more closely with society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable.</p> <p>Pray for all engaged in all forms of science – that science may bring benefits to all.</p> |  |
| <p>Sunday</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>Creator God, you have called us to be keepers of your Earth. Through greed, we have established an economy that destroys the web of life. We have changed our climate and drown in despair. Let oceans of justice flow, May we learn to sustain and renew the life of our Mother, Earth. We pray for our leaders, custodians of Mother Earth; as they gather in Baku, Azerbaijan at the climate talks May they negotiate with wisdom and fairness, May they act with compassion and courage, and lead us in the path of justice for the sake of our children and our children’s children. Creator God, help us change our ways</p> | |
| <p>Monday</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>Pray that eyes will open and folk will ‘wake up O Sleeper’ to inform themselves about Climate Change so as to repent and convert, for the sake of their children and their children’s children, and the animals’ children and the animals’ children’s children.</p> <p>Pray that Government officials hear and see that their citizens mandate them to make meaningful and profound changes at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.</p> | |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29)</p> <p>The 29th Conference of the Parties will be held from the 11–22 November 2024, in Baku, Azerbaijan with the theme of “In Solidarity for a Green World”.</p> <p>A key task for the Conference of the Parties (COP) is to review the national communications and emission inventories submitted by Parties. Based on this information, the COP assesses the effects</p> |  |


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| | | <p>of the measures taken by Parties and the progress made in achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention.</p> <p>Money will be the most important focus of COP29. Back in 2009, wealthy nations pledged they would deliver \$100bn a year in climate finance, from 2020, to support poorer, developing nations to cut emissions and adapt to climate change. A 'new collective quantified goal' (NCQG) for climate finance from 2025 onwards is on the agenda at COP29, where delegates must make progress on how the world will turn the billions into trillions.</p> <p>There is also increasing expectation for the private sector to invest more, both in clean energy and nature-based tools to cut emissions, and in adaptation solutions to build resilience. Greenpeace are amongst those who have called for a global levy on fossil fuel companies' massive profits from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.</p> <p>COP28 included a historic commitment to transition away from fossil fuels. The first formal acknowledgement in COP outcomes that use of coal, oil and gas has to end, it was hailed as the beginning of the end of the 'fossil fuel era'.</p> <p>The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) which brought together nations, civil society, and faith groups to reduce fossil fuel use will be tabled at COP29.</p> <p>No COP meets in a vacuum and COP29 will take place at the end of another year of climate extremes and broken records, and towards the end of a run of some 70 elections around the world, covering half the world's population.</p> <p>We are likely to know, by COP, whether 2024 is the latest hottest year on record – beating 2023. Certainly, it has been a year of ever more dangerous climate impacts. Continued high ocean temperatures and low sea ice cover; two new highest average global temperatures within two days of one another; and a succession of devastating floods, fires, and storms, on top of the record-breaking heatwaves.</p> <p><i>We pray for the COP29</i> UN climate change negotiations happening in Baku, Azerbaijan from the 11 to 22 November. Let short term business interests bow to science. Let politics give way to justice. Let economics step back and allow righteousness to prevail. Speak to the hearts of every negotiator that they may feel your love for your earth, and your desire for every child of God to do their part in liberating creation from its bondage to decay. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Saviour, and our hope is in you all day long. Amen</p> |
| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>13</p> | <p><i>Pray</i> 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.</p> |

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| <p>Thursday\</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>By faith I gaze up to the heavens and know within its vastness that this is your creation planned and effected within eternity.</p> |
| <p>Friday</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>Where You Can't Be Bought Off</p> <p>When Francis said, after kissing the leper, "I left the world," he was saying that he was giving up on the usual payoffs, constraints, and rewards of business-as-usual and was choosing to live in the largest Kingdom of all. To pray and actually mean "thy Kingdom come," we must also be able to say "my kingdoms go." At best, most Christians split their loyalties between God and Caesar, but Francis and Clare did not. Their first citizenship was always, and in every case, elsewhere, which paradoxically allowed them to live in this world with joy, detachment, and freedom (see Philippians 3:20).</p> <p>When you agree to live simply, you put yourself outside of others' ability to buy you off, reward you falsely, or control you by money, status, salary, punishment, and loss or gain. This is the most radical level of freedom, but, of course, it is not easy to come by. Francis and Clare had little to lose, no desire for gain, no loans or debts to pay off, and no luxuries that they needed or wanted. Most of us can only envy them.</p> <p>When you agree to live simply, you do not consider the immigrant, the refugee, the homeless person, or the foreigner as a threat to you or as competition with you. You have chosen their marginal state for yourself—freely and consciously becoming "visitors and pilgrims" in this world, as Francis puts it (quoting 1 Peter 2:11). A simple lifestyle is quite simply an act of solidarity with the way most people have lived since the beginnings of humanity. It is thus restorative justice instead of the very limited notion of retributive justice.</p> <p>When you voluntarily agree to live simply, you do not need to get into the frenzy of work for the sake of salary or the ability to buy nonessentials or raise your social standing. You enjoy the freedom of not climbing. You might climb for others, but not only for yourself.</p> <p>When you agree to live simply, you have time for spiritual and corporal works of mercy because you have renegotiated in your mind and heart your very understanding of time and its purposes. Time is <i>not</i> money, despite the common aphorism. Time is life itself!</p> <p>When you agree to live simply, people cease to be possessions and objects for your consumption or use. Your lust for relationships or for others to serve you, your need for admiration, your desire to use people or things as commodities for your personal pleasure, or any need to control and manipulate others, slowly—yes, very slowly—falls away. Only then are you free to love.</p> <p>Gateway to Silence: Live simply so that others may simply live.</p> <p>From Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations www.cac.org</p>  |


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| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>Encyclical Letter <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> of Pope Francis on the Fraternity and Social Friendship</p> <p><i>Chapter Three - Envisaging and engendering an open world</i></p> <p>Rights without borders</p> <p>116. No one, then, can remain excluded because of his or her place of birth, much less because of privileges enjoyed by others who were born in lands of greater opportunity. The limits and borders of individual states cannot stand in the way of this. As it is unacceptable that some have fewer rights by virtue of being women, it is likewise unacceptable that the mere place of one’s birth or residence should result in his or her possessing fewer opportunities for a developed and dignified life.</p> <p>117. Development must not aim at the amassing of wealth by a few, but must ensure “human rights – personal and social, economic and political, including the rights of nations and of peoples”.^[99] The right of some to free enterprise or market freedom cannot supersede the rights of peoples and the dignity of the poor, or, for that matter, respect for the natural environment, for “if we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all”.^[100]</p> <p>118. Business activity is essentially “a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving our world”.^[101] God encourages us to develop the talents he gave us, and he has made our universe one of immense potential. In God’s plan, each individual is called to promote his or her own development,^[102] and this includes finding the best economic and technological means of multiplying goods and increasing wealth. Business abilities, which are a gift from God, should always be clearly directed to the development of others and to eliminating poverty, especially through the creation of diversified work opportunities. The right to private property is always accompanied by the primary and prior principle of the subordination of all private property to the universal destination of the earth’s goods, and thus the right of all to their use.^[103]</p> <p><i>Prayerfully consider how this affects our Country</i></p> |
| <p>Sunday</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> |

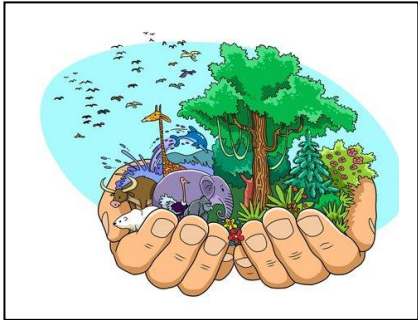


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| <p>Monday</p> | <p>18</p> |  <p>“Children still need a childhood with dirt, mud, puddles, trees, sticks and tadpoles.”</p> <p>BROOKE HAMPTON</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>“The world needs to take concrete steps to shift our unsustainable consumption and production patterns to ones that allow both people and the planet to thrive.”</p> <p>Doreen Robinson, <i>UNEP</i></p>  |
| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>Sovereign Lord of all nations, we pray for all who are called to leadership in the affairs of the world. Give them the vision to see far into the crucial issues of our time, courage to uphold what they believe to be right, and integrity in their words and motives. May their service to their peoples promote the welfare and peace of all humankind, through the strength of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>World Fisheries Day</p> <p>World Fisheries day is celebrated every year on November 21 throughout the world by fishing communities. World Fisheries Day helps in highlighting the critical importance to human lives, of water and the lives it sustains, both in and out of water. Water forms a continuum, whether contained in rivers, lakes, and ocean. The day also draws attention to overfishing, habitat destruction and other serious threats to the sustainability of our marine and freshwater resources. Observance can also help bring awareness of the importance of aquatic environments in sustaining life both in and out of water.</p> <p>At the same time, the day draws attention to the crucial role of small-scale fishers in sustainable fisheries management. Small-scale fishers, who often employ traditional and low-impact fishing methods, contribute significantly to local food security and livelihoods.</p> <p>Pray for protection of our fishing communities as well as our fish resources.</p>  |

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| <p>Friday</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>Buy Nothing Day <i>(An extract from Planetwise)</i></p> <p>Dave Bookless in his book 'Planetwise' comments:</p> <p>"Perhaps the single most effective step I have taken in terms of avoiding waste is to try to pray every time I put something in the bin.</p> <p>As I do so, I thank God for the natural resources that have created the item and reflect on whether I have been a good steward. Often my prayers end up as guilty confessions, as I have to admit my careless wastefulness again. Did I need to buy this? Did I need the item with all this packaging? Sometimes my anguish is not personal so much as frustration with a culture that dictates I can't buy things that aren't covered in polystyrene and plastic, and I simply say sorry to God for what we as the human race have done in taking his world for granted.</p> <p>Seeing waste as a spiritual issue has caused me to go back to the start of the process; buying things in the first place. Now, before I buy something, I always try to ask whether I really need it."</p> <p>Will you resist the urge to splurge? Or will Black Friday bully you into buying things you probably don't need. Buy Nothing Day isn't about changing your lifestyle for just one day – but the start of a life-changing lifestyle commitment. Make a commitment to shopping less and living more simply.</p> <p>Prayerfully assess what impact your transactions may have on the environment.</p> |
| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>23</p> |  |
| <p>Sunday</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>Lord help me to live simply, To give my life and all I am into your hands. Help me to unclutter my belongings - For I have too much stuff that takes me away from your presence. Help me unclutter my calendar - For I am often too busy to focus my attention on you. Help me unclutter my mind - For if I have too many unguided thoughts – That distracts me from your instructions.</p> |





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| <p>Monday</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>Lovely Jubbly <i>(Creation song for children)</i></p> <p>He gave the mouse its squeak, sharks their teeth, He made legs that jump, gave camels the hump, He made the kangaroo and humans too, He even gave us lips so good for kissing</p> <p>He made fish that fly, eyes that cry, He made birds that poo upon your shoe, He made whales that sing, bees that sting, He even gave the cat its furry bottom.</p> <p>And it's Lovely Jubbly – all of God's creation (x3) What a wonderful God we have.</p> <p>He made dogs that point, pigs that oink, He made dolphin smiles, crocodiles, He made a zillion things fly with wings, He even gave us tongues so good for licking.</p> <p>He made things that scoot, things that hoot, He made some things smell, not so well, He made wind to blow, clouds to snow, He even made your knees that are so knobbly.</p> <p>And it's Lovely Jubbly – all of God's creation (x3) What a wonderful God we have.</p> <p>Lovely Jubbly – all of God's creation (x3). He made it all, He made it all, He made it all.</p> <p>© <i>Doug Horley</i> Listen</p> |
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| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>A prayer for our Earth</p> <p>All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.</p> <p>Pope Francis Laudato Si</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>We pray for people living with the effects of climate change now:</p> <p>For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages, <i>Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.</i></p> <p>For the sake of those facing unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops, <i>Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world</i></p> <p>For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies, <i>Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world</i></p> <p>For the sake of all those who fear the changing climate, <i>Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world</i></p> <p>For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable, and the refugee <i>Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world</i></p> <p>For the sake of us all, <i>Creator God, in your mercy, recreate our hearts that we might partner with you to renew this damaged world.</i></p> |



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| <p>Friday</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>International Day of Climate Action (30 November)</p> <p>2024 Theme: “Advocacy in Climate Justice”</p> <p>There are many ways we can avoid the truth about climate change, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s not my responsibility. It’s up to the Government/ the US/ China. • I don’t see what I can do about it. • I don’t think it’s that pressing. • I can’t make a difference. The plane will go anyway, whether I’m on it or not. • I won’t be here, so I’m not bothered. • There’ll be time to sort this out once we’ve fixed the economy. • Don’t point the finger at me. I care. I just don’t choose to show it by growing a beard and wearing sandals. <p>We instinctively recoil from arguments based on the Fear Factor. Yet <i>ostrichitis</i> is no substitute for realism</p>  |
| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>World Children’s Day</p> <p>2024 Theme: “For every child, every right”</p> <p>This theme emphasises the universality of child rights and the need to guarantee rights for all children equitably.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For every child, peace. Every child, everywhere, has a right to live in a peaceful world. • For every child, a liveable planet - Children have a right to a safe and liveable planet. • For every child, a voice - Children must be listened to and included in all decisions that affect them. <p>Children’s rights are human rights. But in too many places today, children’s rights are under attack.</p> <p>On World Children’s Day let’s make space for children and young people to raise their voices on the issues that matter to them. By prioritising children’s rights and participation, we can help to build a better future for all.’</p> <p>Children are reimagining a better world. What part will YOU play in the children’s call to be heard?</p>  |