

Prayer for Climate Change

God of all creation

In the beginning you imagined with tenderness all you would call into being.

You separated the light from the darkness – making order out of chaos

creating a time for labor and prayer

and a time for rest and restoration.

You ordered time into seasons – patterns to sustain life

You created the waters – sacred and essential to sustain life

You created the land – sacred and essential to sustain life

You created the atmospheres – sacred and essential to sustain life.

Then you created life –

Sea life/land life/air life

And you filled

the waters and the land and the air with

beautiful, exotic, mystical creatures which thrived in perfect balance

And you marveled at all you had spoken into being

and it was good.

You created humanity – to love, and tend, and to care for, and nurture, and enjoy all you made in this place of Eden.

And then you rested. Creating Sabbath to give your caretakers rest from their labors and creation rest from humanity

And you looked at all you had make – your creation and your caretakers and you said – this is very good.

But we failed.

And your creation suffers.

Whether through ignorance or with malice, it has been done.

Forgive us.

Help us to restore Eden.

Help us to right this wrong collectively and individually

To step with respect on the earth

To honor the seasons

To restore to wholeness, the waters and land and sky and all living things

To responsibly use and share for the greater good your gift of science and technology

To observe Sabbath

To speak new life into Eden.

So that you may once again look at the paradise you created

and at your caretakers and say:

This is very good.

Amen.

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