

EARTH CREDO

I believe in the sacredness of the earth,
the integrity of the whole of creation
and dignity of all people and creatures.
I believe in a gracious God who created humankind –
male and female, and gave them the responsibility
to take care of the earth. We need to care.
I believe we human beings have failed God and ourselves.
In the name of greed and development
we have dominated the earth,
polluted the air, river and seas and have sacrificed
the future of our children. We need to repent.

I believe that when we destroy the earth,
we eventually destroy ourselves.
We must protect and preserve the earth
not only for our own survival
but for the sake of our mother earth.
The time to change is now.
I believe we need to change our ways, values,
lifestyle and ways of relating with creation.
Repent, fast and pray. Consume less, waste not.
Work for justice and peace.
We should not covet our neighbours' timber, butterflies,
white sand beaches, nearly extinct animals, nor cheap labour.
We should not oppress children, indigenous people,
women, the homeless, refugees, and victims of war.
We need to live in the sense of people and creation.

For I believe in the interwovenness of life.
Creator and Creatures. Cosmic and Individual.
West, North, East, South. Rest and Prayer.
Food and Freedom. Theology and Ecology.
I therefore commit myself, together with you,
to take care of mother earth.
To advocate for peace and justice.
To choose and celebrate life.
These things I believe. Amen.

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