



CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT

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Prayer for the Restoration of Creation

Before our existence your Spirit hovered over the waters, and we declare
Our world belongs to God.

You created life and breath, light and dark, land and sea, every sight, every sound.
Our world belongs to God.

You declared creation good. Our stewardship brought you glory.
Our world belongs to God.

But we turned away from you—thinking only of ourselves, in spite of ourselves.
Our relationship with you, with creation, with one another was broken.
We lost sight of you, but you did not forget us. Our world belongs to God.

We need your salvation. We fall in front of you in honest awareness that the gift you gave,
though still full of beauty and every good thing we could ever need, is polluted.
The water, the soil, the air are not the way you meant them to be.
We dump, emit, and pollute.
We flounder out of harmony with the way you meant the world to be.
We don't know how to move back into tune, but we do know that
Our world belongs to God.

Teach us again to live in sync with your creation. May your Spirit move in the hearts of
leaders, giving courage in the face of the climate crisis. May your Spirit move in the voices
of youth who call on us to consider future generations. May your Spirit empower the poor
with resilience to weather storms, drought, and floods. May your Spirit lift the conscience
of the church to do what is right. May our actions bear witness that
Our world belongs to God.

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What can we do about the climate crisis?

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The Climate Witness Project walks with congregations, organizations, and individuals to take action on the climate crisis in one or more of the following areas:

- **Energy stewardship:** reducing congregational/organizational/individual use of energy and fossil fuels
- **Worship:** healing our relationship with creation through liturgy, song, Scripture, and preaching
- **Education:** providing and recommending book studies, films, discussions, and speakers to learn about the realities of climate change
- **Advocacy:** addressing public policy at the local, regional, and national levels for the benefit of the earth, people who are poor and vulnerable, and future generations

Hundreds of individuals from more than 115 congregations and campus groups—representing over 20 denominations including the Christian Reformed Church—have come together to answer the call to love our neighbors and be stewards of creation. Our goal is to work toward zero carbon emissions by 2050, keeping in mind the principles of a just and equitable transition. **Will you join us?**