

Together for our Common Home

PRAYER ACTIVITY

For the week before 28th April, 2026

This prayer activity is for individuals or groups.

All you need is a sheet of A4 paper – preferably one you've already used and are ready to recycle.

As you pray each prayer in List 1, **fold your piece of paper in half**. Your paper will get smaller, and the action of folding will get harder- it may become so difficult that you will struggle to complete them.

If that's the case, just hold the paper tightly in your hand as you pray in response to the latter points.

Each fold represents the way in which our Australian communities and global neighbours are diminished through the loss and damage they experience because of the climate crisis. It also represents the urgent need to act – just as the paper gets smaller, so too are the possibilities for a just future, if we fail to act appropriately.

As you pray the List 2, you can unfold your paper, one prayer and one fold at a time. The prayers ask God to energise us and those around us so we can take steps towards change – allowing each unfold to represent our collective step closer to justice. Although it may not be possible to recover everything that has been lost, action for justice can lead to new ways for communities to flourish.

Modelled on the Prayer Activity by [Christian Aid](#).



List 1

Dear Lord we pray -

1. For communities who experience deepening inequality as they are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis, yet are often silenced or excluded by richer cities and countries when decisions are made about climate policy.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

2. For all those affected by the loss of productive farmland and damage to crops and livestock, leading to reduced food, income, and opportunities.

Lord mercifully hear us

– Lord hear our prayer

3. For the growing number of people denied access to safe, clean, drinking water due to salinisation, floods, drought and pollution.

Lord mercifully hear us

– Lord hear our prayer

4. For communities who have suffered cultural loss and damage, with rising sea levels, changing landscapes and the disappearance of culturally significant places and practices.

Lord mercifully hear us

– Lord hear our prayer

5. For those most affected by biodiversity loss and its impact on human health and flourishing.

Lord mercifully hear us

– Lord hear our prayer

6. For all who have lost loved ones, those who have had to leave their homes, and those who have seen their livelihoods swept away due to extreme weather.

Lord mercifully hear us

– Lord hear our prayer

List 2

(You unfold your paper with each prayer)

Dear Lord we pray -

1. For those in power to take action on the climate crisis, and for the voices of those most impacted to be heard in their decision-making. May those in power speak with love, compassion, justice and courage.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

2. For the development and fair sharing of technologies and practices that are sustainable and increase the resilience of communities affected by the climate crisis.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

3. For action to make the biggest polluters change their practices and bear the costs of the climate crisis, which they have caused and are continuing to perpetrate.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

4. For all who are acting to address the impacts of the climate crisis fairly, may their contributions be magnified.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

5. For the protection, repair and restoration of diverse habitats which enables all of creation to thrive.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

6. May all communities pray and empower one another to speak up for justice. May we have the motivation, energy and hope we need to act together to see justice and care for God's Creation.

Lord mercifully hear us

– LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Amen



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Prayers for the week before 28th April, 2026

A Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God,
you are present in the 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 your 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.
Amen

Laudato Si' - Pope Francis

Humbly We Stand

Our Father,

we humbly come before
you, seeking your
guidance and strength to
combat the pollution that
clouds our air and waters.

Inspire us to be stewards
of your creation, fostering
a spirit of responsibility
and care.

May our actions reflect our
love for the Earth, leading
to healing and restoration.
Grant our leaders wisdom
to make choices that
protect our planet for
generations to come.

Amen.



Videos for reflection on *A Prayer for Our Earth*

[Song version](#) of the prayer | [Slide show with words](#) of the prayer