

SEASON **OF** CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

Prayer for the Earth

*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.*

- Pope Francis

This year, the **Season of Creation** (1 September - 4 October) occurs as MIRP groups are exploring in Stage Three the new vision that emerges as a result of considering their focus issue in light of our Traditions. They will move then (in Stage Four) to consider the actions that can be undertaken as a result of their engagement in the process.

We are all invited during this Season to renew our focus on using this prayer which MIA has adopted for the Year of Mercy.



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