

April 22, 2020 Daily Devotional

On this Earth Day I wanted to share this “stay at home” version of John Rutter’s “For the Beauty of the Earth.” On this Earth Day when our land, seas, and sky take a deep breath, may you also breathe deeply. Breathe in the sacred gifts of the earth.

During this difficult time, our earth has been given more time to breathe. There are many parts of returning to “normal” that will further damage God’s good creation. How might we use this time to reorient ourselves to better care for the earth?

Peace to you and yours this Earth Day.

Will you pray with me this version of the Lord’s Prayer written by John Philip Newell?

Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.

May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.

Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.

For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever.

Amen.