

## Suggested Prayers for Earth Hour

### Option One (for secondary schools)

Loving Creator God, we thank you for the gift of creation and for the beauty of the Earth that you have given us.

As we celebrate Earth Hour we ask for your guidance in our attempts to care for your gift of creation. Encourage us to minimize our ecological footprints, keep our air pure, our earthy bountiful, our waters clean and life-giving, and to remember that your gift was meant for all who live on this planet. Help us to live simply that others may simply live.

May this simple action of turning out the lights for one hour increase our awareness of our role as stewards of creation.

Plant in each of us an appreciation and love for your sacred Creation. Breathe into us gratitude for the earth today and every day.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your son. Amen.

### Option Two (for Elementary schools)

Today, as always, we call upon the presence and power of God the Creator.

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Dear God, we thank you for this day; for our friends, for our families, for our homes, for our school and for each of us, your church here on earth.

May this simple action of turning out the lights for one hour help remind us of how important it is for us to care for all of your creation. Plant in each of us an appreciation and love for your sacred Creation. Help us to look after this wonderful gift. Amen.

### Option Three (this has been designed for two voices)

**Voice one:** Today, as always, we call upon the presence and power of God the Creator. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Voice two:** Dear God, We thank you for this day; for our friends, for our families, for our homes, for our school and for each of us, your Church here on earth. May the simple action of turning out the lights for one hour help remind us of how important it is for us to care for all of your creation.

Today, as we celebrate Earth Hour We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To bring new life to the land  
To celebrate the richness of the soil  
To marvel at the bounty of the earth**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To bring new life to the air  
To rejoice in the sunlight  
To sing the song of the stars**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To renew the forests  
To care for plants  
To protect all growing things**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To celebrate the waters  
To restore all life in the sea  
To protect the future of the oceans**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To peacefully live with all animals  
To share the earth on which we live  
To be responsible stewards for all creation**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: To recreate the human community  
To promote justice and peace  
To treat one another with respect**

Voice 2: We join with you, each other and all of creation

**Voice 1: For the healing of the earth and  
the renewal of all life.**

Voice two: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(adapted from UN Environmental Sabbath Program)