

Let us pray:

Lord, we look up at the night sky and see the beauty of the Milky Way and stars, the gateways into our universe, but sadly the lights we create pollute our vision and become a barrier against the beauty of the heavenly lights. Thank you that steps have been taken to reduce the light pollution of our own making.

We venture into the skies above as we explore space, but sadly we have left space junk orbiting our earth. Give us the ability to collect and deal with the rubbish that inhabits our skies as well as the earth below. Further increase our awareness and action.

Lord, in your mercy....hear our prayer.

Lord, we have damaged the atmosphere of our world with carbon emissions from industry and transport. Thank you for the initiatives that help to clean the air we breathe. May we expand our forests and vegetation not only for ourselves but for the good of all creatures, and may it become easier to use vehicles that cease to contaminate the air around us. Further increase our awareness and action.

Lord, in your mercy....hear our prayer.

Lord, we look at the beauty of flowers and trees. Help us to be mindful of the needs of the birds and insects that inhabit them. Let us not destroy their world, but help nature to help itself.

Floods have destroyed both lives and livelihoods in countries around the world. May the ground beneath our feet not become a barrier to the natural drainage of the rains that fall, as we concrete our drives and dig up our lawns. May we dredge our rivers and seas, and free them from destructive plastics and poisons, so fish are able to live in clean waters; and Lord, may the ground below us be kept free from the mining of minerals and resources that can never be replaced once removed. Further increase our awareness and action.

Lord, in your mercy....hear our prayer.

From the vastness of the skies to the bowels of the earth may we be ever mindful of our precious planet, the world in which we live. May we not squander what we are given, but become the stewards we were meant to be. Further increase our awareness and action.

Lord, in your mercy....hear our prayer.

Lord, we too are part of your creation. We pray for those we know who are in need, and for those who have suffered loss and grief. Help us to look after both ourselves and others, and to love with the love you love us with.

Merciful Father....accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.