November 11, 2013

On Monday, November 11, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, "We will work to eradicate violence against and abuse of the earth and its creatures. Through our responsible and appropriate use of all creation (Art. 24) we practice active stewardship and reverence for our planet."

We are the first generation to see our planet from space–to see so clearly its beauty, limits, and fragility. Modern communication technology helps us to see more clearly than ever the impact of carelessness, ignorance, greed, neglect, and war on the earth.

Almighty God, who created heaven and earth and all they contain, come to our help at this historic moment in humanity's journey from heaven to earth. We pray:

That, as we take the time to enjoy beauty of the earth, we will join all creatures in praising God through prayer and through actions that reduce our impact on our environment, we pray…

That, as we receive the body and blood of the Lord in the gifts of the earth and work of human hands, we will give thanks for the fruitfulness of God's creation, we pray…

That we will protect poor communities and vulnerable children, born and unborn, from environmental hazards through our own choices, business decisions, and public policies, we pray…

That we may be always grateful for the gifts of creation, living more simply, sharing more justly with all in need, and preserving the fruitfulness of creation for future generations, we pray…

That we will fulfill God's call to be stewards of creation in a way that respects and protects the integrity of God's creation and provides for the common good of all, we pray…

That we will understand that care of neighbor can't be separated from care of creation, and that we will protect poor nations and communities from environmental hazards, we pray…

Reflective Action: ***Lace up your walking shoes,***
stretch your legs,
find a friend
and take a creation walk.