

## **Prayer**

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Spirit of Life and of Love. Dear God.

We come, first, to confess. Our comforts, our wasteful ways have been purchased at a huge price.

We thought the earth was here for us to use, in any way we wished.

The language of dominion over the earth led us astray.

We are a part of the interconnected web of existence, not apart from it.

We are born of the earth and supported by her bounty. She is our mother.

We thought she could recover always, never be depleted, forgive even our most violent attacks.

Our violation of the earth has amounted to matricide.

By insisting that the poor and people of color bear the greatest human cost, we have been committing fratricide.

By our headlong rush to use up the earth 'til she is spent, we have been committing suicide.

Dear Mother, we are beginning to see what we have done.

We promise to do everything in our power to bring the violation to an end.

We pray that we will have the wisdom and the will to do this well.

We pray we are not too late.

Amen.