

Thought for the day – Thursday 7th October 2021

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Harvest for the World Christian Aid and CAFOD

We were thinking about the world in our harvest service, which our young people led so well. I would like to share some prayers and thoughts from Christian Aid and CAFOD.

Co-creators of the Earth

God, you have made us co-creators of the earth

You have entrusted us with all the resources of the world to care for and share.

Help us always to be gentle with our planet.

Help us not to pollute the atmosphere or waterways.

Help us not to waste precious resources like energy or food.

Help us always to be aware of the effects modern technology may have on the environment.

Prayer in the vegetable garden

O God, Creator and Source of Life,

we thank you for the gifts

given from your abundance

and through the work of human hands

by which we are blessed with nourishing food.

Pour your blessings on this garden

and on all that grows within it,

and on those who toil in it with love and reverence,

that the earth may yield its abundance

and we and all your children may be fed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Community of the Sisters of the Church

The Earth is our Mother

Teach your children what we have taught our children;
that the earth is our mother.

This we know.

All things are connected like the blood
that unites one family.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls
the sons and daughters of the earth.

Men and women did not weave the web of life,
they are merely a strand in it.

Whatever they do to the web
they do it to themselves.

Chief Seattle to the President of the United States 1854

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