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Prayer of Confession and Lament for Creation

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Oh God of time and space, we confess we are running out of both.

Species whirling into extinction faster than ever before.

Habitat created over millennia destroyed in the blink of an eye

Sea levels rising, threatening, moving closer, and the poor and the brown and the voiceless
taste the bitter salt.

Oh God of time and space, we confess we are running out of both.

Oh God of hope and Resurrection,

We confess to despair that creates denial in this Good Friday world.

We tremble on the brink of the temptation to simply give up.

Oh God of transformation, we confess to choosing Business as Usual because it is easier,
because it hurts too much to care

because we don't want to give up what we have.

because we are afraid.

Oh God of deep sighing, these are our prayers.

And we know it is not only from you we need to ask forgiveness, but from all your creation

You polar bears: Forgive us, we pray

You coral reefs: Forgive us, we pray

You Black Rhino and Green Turtle: Forgive us, we pray

You Monarch butterfly, Ivory-Billed woodpecker, Gray Wolf: Forgive us, we pray

Oh air that we breathe, oceans that give us life, mountaintops of Appalachia:

Forgive us, we pray

Remake us, oh Creator. Transform us into a new being.

Open us to your love which can open our eyes and our hearts.

Give us courage to walk in your path with all creation.

Forgive us and make us free, for healing and for hope.

Amen.



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