



Let Us Pray

In the name of the Creator God,
and of Jesus Christ,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE NINTH STEP

Turn your heart toward God.

We live together on the earth, O Lord of Creation,
and we know that the earth itself
has been entrusted to our care.

Our food comes from this earth,
our water,
our air,
our very sustenance.

Now guide me as I turn my mind to this earth
and consider how we humans care for it,
and what role I myself play in that process.

Pause to think over the ways in which you interact with the earth.

Because the puzzle of our relationship to the earth
and our need for resources that spring from it
is so complex,
I pray for insight, O God,
to understand more deeply the balance we need
and my own role in establishing that balance.

Open my heart and mind to the wisdom I need
to make right judgments and good choices.

I pray now with much gratitude
for all you have given us
and I commit myself to its fair use.

Amen.

Now turn to the ninth step and continue your journey.