

# April Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team

## *Environmental Stewardship*



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For Catholics, caring for creation is part of our call to faithful stewardship. In Genesis 2:15 we are told, “The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.” God entrusts the earth to humanity “to cultivate and care for it.” The world is not simply ours to use. It is God’s gift, reflecting His goodness and creativity. It is our common home. Through prayer and responsible choices, Catholics honor God by protecting the earth and preserving its gifts for future generations.

**“The earth is the Lord’s and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it.” – Psalm 24:1**

*(This verse reminds us that the earth ultimately belongs to God. We are caretakers, not owners.)*

### *Prayer for Environmental Stewardship*

***Creator God,***

***You formed the earth in beauty and entrusted it to our care.***

***The forests, oceans, fields, and skies proclaim Your goodness.***

***Forgive us for the times we take Your creation for granted.***

***Open our eyes to the sacredness of the world around us and guide us to be faithful stewards.***

***May our choices reflect gratitude for Your creation and concern for future generations.***

***Help us to live simply, act responsibly, and care for the land, water, and air that sustain life.***

***Inspire us to honor You through our care for all creation.***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord.***

***Amen***



### **A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team**

Do you carry in your heart a deep compassion for those who are suffering—physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially? For those living in poverty, without shelter, or burdened by loneliness?

The **Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry** walks alongside many who are hurting and broken. We now invite our parish community to become prayerful companions in this ministry by lifting up these beloved children of God to the Lord in prayer.

As a member of the Social Concerns Prayer Team, you will receive regular emails with specific names, intentions, monthly prayer themes, and Scripture passages to guide your intercession. There are no meetings—only a shared spiritual commitment to pray intentionally, from your own home and on your own schedule.

Let us unite in prayer, trusting that our Loving God hears the cries of the poor and works through the faithful prayers of His people. To join or learn more, please contact Chris at [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391.