

Day of Prayer for Creation Care

May 20, 2011 – Prayer Points

“Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.... **Enter his gates with thanksgiving** and his courts with praise.... For the Lord is good and **his love endures forever**; his faithfulness through all generations.” (Psalm 100:3-5)

“Trust in him at all times, you people; **pour out your hearts** to him, for God is our refuge.” (Psalm 62:8)

“Is there not a cause?” (1Samuel 17:29 NKJV) **“Ask** and it will be given to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

“The **prayer** of a righteous person **is powerful and effective.**” (James 5:16)

Stop the Mercury Poisoning of the Unborn

-Let us offer thanksgiving - that after 20 years of failing to implement the Mercury Rule in the Clean Air Act, a great opportunity now exists to reduce the toxic emissions from our coal power plants and to stop the mercury poisoning of our unborn children

-Let us repent and ask God for forgiveness – that while we have known the dangers, neither government nor industry has taken overall action to stop mercury poisoning; that one in six babies, some 700,000 per year, are now born facing the threat of neurological damage from mercury

-Let us pray that God will alert and protect pregnant mothers and the unborn from mercury poisoning

-Let us pray that God will awaken and instruct the church and the nation to the dangers of mercury contamination; that he will grant wisdom to researchers working on mercury and other heavy metals

-Let us pray that God will raise up women and men of integrity to lead us and anoint credible voices in government, industry and the media to champion the cause of protecting the unborn from mercury

Domestic Concerns

-Let us examine our own hearts and lifestyles: Am I living modestly, frugally and practicing conservation?

-Let us offer repentance for America’s bad example to the world of extravagance, waste and pollution, while so many in the world suffer lack and need the basic provisions of food, clean water, sanitation, medical care, and help to cope with climate crisis; ask that the Lord intervene and help the U.S. break from its addiction to foreign and un-sustainable sources of energy, especially fossil fuels

-Let us pray that God will grant “wisdom from above” and instruct and guide the church to teach and lead by example in stewardship, biblical ecology, and creation care; pray for eco-friendly church facilities

-Let us pray that the Lord will turn Americans away from lifestyles of luxurious consumption, waste and decadence and back toward biblical principles and lifestyles of moderation, frugality and conservation

-Let us pray that God will grant wisdom, knowledge, understanding and courage to local, state and federal officials to call America back to its founding principles of conservation and ethical enterprise

International Concerns

-Let us offer thanksgiving that ozone pollution has dropped to safer levels; pray for atmospheric stability

-Let us pray for Breaking of Drought and rain, in the Middle East, West Africa, China and other nations

-Let us pray for Clean Water, especially in Africa, Haiti and all places experiencing pollution and scarcity

-Let us pray for Clean Air, especially in coal-dependant countries like India and China; that cities would shift from smog-producing energy sources so that inner-city dwellers might be relieved of Asthma

-Let us pray about Climate Crisis, among the Native peoples in Alaska, Siberia and elsewhere, and among all poor and suffering people groups; that they be assisted in mitigating and adapting to the unusual climate cycles and impacts from droughts, flooding and severe weather

-Let us pray about Food Scarcity, for adequate supplies and lower, stable prices on commodities; that the oceans' fisheries and lakes and streams be cared for and replenished

-Let us pray for an end to arsenic contamination in water in Pakistan and Bangladesh and other nations, and for an end to the radioactive contamination of water from uranium mines in Navajo Indian lands

-Let us pray for a generation of people who do not know the joys and spiritual realities of being in God's creation: "Lord help us reach this generation in new ways, and help us to teach them all that you have commanded, especially concerning the stewardship of Life, the earth, ourselves and our neighbors."

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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**" (Ephesians 3:20-21)

"God shapes the world by prayer. **Prayers are deathless.** The lips that uttered them may be closed in death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them. Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world." --E.M. Bounds (1835-1913), *Purpose in Prayer*

Creation Care: It's a matter of Life.