

Earth Blessings

PRAYERS FOR
OUR PLANET



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Friend,

More and more people are becoming aware of how the actions of individuals affect the Earth. We are the interconnected web of life, and this planet is our shared home.

Earth Blessings: Prayers for Our Planet includes *Daily Word*® messages featured over the last eight decades that focus on supporting and safeguarding the well-being of planet Earth and its inhabitants.

As you read these prayers and consider the growing consciousness around caring for the Earth, remember that there is a power in affirmative prayer—power that can move mountains. Together we can see beyond present appearances and know that every adversity is a catalyst for change.

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WORLD BLESSING

The *Daily Word* message for Tuesday, November 11, 1958

I behold this blessed planet Earth safely enfolded in the loving protection of God.

This blessed planet Earth is the Lord's. He created it with His love, and He sustains it today and forever with His love. I have no fear. The destiny of this planet is in the care of our Lord, who reigns omnipotent and supreme. Since He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, our future is secure.

God bless all growing things upon this Earth, all animals, all birds, all forms of life. God bless all nations, their governments, and their people. God bless the conferences now formed to establish world understanding. God illumine all men, women, and children and fill their hearts with a burning desire to live in joy and peace with one another. God bless the efforts of our scientists and guide our paths on Earth and in all space.

We entrust this planet Earth and all this blessed universe to God. He gives us the humility to rejoice in the discoveries of others and the intelligence to use wisely all of our own discoveries.

"Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord."

—Jeremiah 23:24 (KJV)



ENVIRONMENT

The Daily Word message for Saturday, August 11, 2007

I am blessing the world with my loving, faith-filled thoughts and prayers.

My environment—the climate, Earth, and life that surround me—is continually blessing me.

Everyone, everything in all of creation, is interconnected, and there is an exchange of good. With this understanding in mind, I know that as I release a breath, I am enriching the atmosphere with the carbon dioxide needed by plant life. And that same plant life is enriching the atmosphere with oxygen that I breathe.

There is also a sacredness in the environment that I receive from and contribute to. As I let life-affirming thoughts and prayers flow forth from the Christ presence within my soul, I bless the very atmosphere around me. As I connect in prayer with others, I am blessed by the love and faith that are enveloping the world and all life within it.

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

—Genesis 1:31





WATCHWORD

The Daily Word message for Wednesday, January 4, 1928

This is my watchword for today: I have faith that all things are possible with God in the midst of me.

There is nothing which I cannot overcome since God in the midst of me is all powerful. I have supreme faith in God and unswerving faith in myself.

There is nothing too difficult for me to accomplish because God at the heart of my being knows neither difficulty nor failure. As the avenue through which God expresses Himself, I have abounding faith that God through me does all things well.

I have faith in the power of my constructive and healing thought. I know that the mind of God exercising itself through me is mighty to do His work well.

I have faith in the power of my word. Declaring truth from spiritual consciousness, I know that the very power of God dominates my affirmations.

I have faith in the healing power of God. I know that this power is as strong today as it was in the days of the apostles. I know that my confidence in my innate power to heal is right now lifting me to perfect health.

I have faith in my fellow man. I know that God in him is now exalting him to a consciousness of better and nobler things. I have faith in the members of my household and in all my business associates.

"A faithful man shall abound with blessings."

—Proverbs 28:20 (ASV)

STEWARDSHIP

The Daily Word message for Sunday, April 22, 2007

We are good to Earth, our home, and Earth blesses us with good.

We are caregivers of this wondrous planet. In awe of the sapphires of the sky, the emeralds and siennas of the ground, the sunlit horizons at dawn and dusk, we know God is present within our radiant world. With reverence, we are committed to its stewardship.

As residents of Earth, we care for its components—the air, the soil, the water. We respect our plant life—the rooted, the floating, the climbing. We wisely use abundant gifts—yields of crops and vegetation, products of minerals. We give thanks for present and future resources of Earth as they are discovered, maintained, and utilized with care.

We bless this precious place, for it is also the home of generations to come. We are good to Earth, our home, and Earth blesses us with good.

“The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.”

—Psalm 67:6



TALENT

The *Daily Word* message for Wednesday, December 5, 1945

I am a spiritual being with a true talent for right thinking and living.

You are essentially a spiritual being. You have not begun to realize your spiritual powers; you have not begun to use your capabilities and talents.

You may not think of yourself as possessing any talent, but you are in possession of the greatest talents given to man, the ability to think. How you think about God, how you think about yourself, how you think about other persons, how you think about the world in which you live, determines your consciousness, and your consciousness determines the kind of God you know, the kind of person you are, the kind of people you attract to yourself, the kind of world you find yourself living in. The way to develop a talent is to recognize it first of all and then to use it, to perfect it, to improve upon your understanding of it. So the way to develop your talent for right thinking is first of all to recognize it and then to begin to express and think according to the highest truth you know.

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

—Romans 12:2 (ASV)



TO THINE OWN SELF

By James Dillet Freeman

The lake looked at the mountain, and thought:

O fortunate mountain, rising so high,
while I must lie so low.

You look far out across the world
and take part in many interesting happenings,
while I can only lie still.

How I wish I were a mountain!

The mountain looked at the lake, and thought:

O fortunate lake, lying so close
to the warm-breasted Earth
while I loom here
craggy, cold, and uncomfortable.

You are always so peaceful,
while I am constantly having to battle
howling storm and blazing sun.

How I wish I were a lake!

All the time, quietly,
the mountain was coming down
in silver streams to run into the lake,
and the lake was rising as silver mists
to fall as snow upon the mountain.





I CARE

The Daily Word message for Saturday, April 29, 2006

I care for and honor the glory of God's creativity that is everywhere present in life.

Dedication to being a caregiver is deeply rewarding. We are serving those whom God has crowned "with glory and honor," which includes all because we are each one a creation of God.

We are an ongoing part of the creative process when we feed, teach, comfort, and care in all ways for God's creations. We, too, are God's creations, so we let the divine in us reach out to the divine in others.

We are expressing our caring nature when we call or stop by to see someone who needs reassurance. The care we give to one another, to our pets and other animals, to planet Earth, is honoring the glory of God's creativity, a creativity that is everywhere present in life.

"Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor."

—Psalm 8:5



ORDER

The *Daily Word* message for Monday, September 1, 1941

Today I set in order both inward and outward things.

In the book *Jesus Christ Heals*, we read: “We all intuitively know that there is something wrong in a world where poverty, suffering, and sorrow prevail. We would not, any of us, create such a world. We all want to see these things blotted out in this world.”

A world in disorder is the product of disorderly thinking on the part of those who live in it. In the past, by letting greed, selfishness, and fear have the upper hand, we have used our thought power to create conditions that we do not want.

Today let us at once begin to set our world in order by reforming our thoughts. Let us invoke the divine wisdom of Spirit to guide our thinking. Let us lay hold of and make manifest the great thoughts of God, the ideas that point the way by which we are to establish His kingdom and bring happiness to ourselves.

Let our continuous prayer be “Our Father in heaven, let there be peace and order in the Earth, and let it begin with me.”

“Let all things be done ... in order.”

—1 Corinthians 14:40





“It is so easy to get **settled** in a rut,
where we stay until some great problem
or **desire** lifts us out,
or some tragedy **blasts** us out.
All growth starts with desire.”

—Stella Terrill Mann, *How to Use the Power of Your Word*



NATURE'S BEAUTY

The Daily Word message for Saturday, October 15, 2005

In a divine connection, I am one with a world of natural beauty.

Connecting with the beauty and renewal of nature, I discover my own peaceful place in the outdoors. I rest, stretch, and then relax in the shade beneath towering treetops. A light breeze rustles the leaves above me, and sunlight dances delicately on my face. I exhale and feel at peace.

Breathing in a freshness of Earth that is filled with potential, I feel exhilarated. I am awestruck by God's gift of beauty—a pattern of promise, change, and life. Divine order is present in this glorious season. Through a divine connection, I am one with a world of natural, ever-renewing beauty.

Then I become still—as still as the first fresh-fallen snow that soon will usher in even more beauty and change.

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, ... a land of wheat and barley, ... a land of olive trees and honey.”

—Deuteronomy 8:7-8



CARING FRIEND

The Daily Word message for Thursday, July 1, 2004

I am a caring friend to the environment.

I am grateful for the world that God has created. I may look at all the challenges happening in the environment and wonder what I—just one person—can do that would be of help. The answer is this: I start right where I am—by walking or riding a bicycle instead of driving a car for short distances and by using environmentally friendly products.

I can be an example that encourages others to join in being thankful to God by being a friend to the environment. Person by person, we join hearts and hands in improving and protecting an environment in which all can thrive.

“And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.”

—Genesis 1:9-10



ANIMAL BLESSING

The Daily Word message for Wednesday, June 3, 1998

I bless and appreciate all God's creatures.

How often do we think about the blessing that animals are in our lives and in the world? It is true; God has blessed us with an abundance of unique and magnificent creatures with whom we share planet Earth.

All that God has created sustains a wholeness and balance in nature that benefits us all. We have learned to interact with some of these animals and are especially grateful for the pets who offer loving companionship and devoted service.

And we also give thanks for the animals that, because of their nature or natural habitat, do not interact with us. We recognize that they, too, are fulfilling their God-created roles in nature. We understand that the world would not be complete without each of God's beloved creations.

"In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

—Psalm 104:24





NATURE

The *Daily Word* message for Saturday, August 2, 2003

I am one with God's presence and with all that God has created.

When I purchase cleaning supplies and other household products, I take the time to read the labels to see if they are environmentally safe. I also take the time to review my daily habits and actions so that I am being environmentally responsible.

I leave parks and natural settings as untouched by my presence as I can, because I recognize that the energy of God is in every element of nature. My careful stewardship is a way for me to honor God.

Being in nature reminds me that I am not alone in the world. God's presence shimmers forth in the morning dew sparkling on a leaf. God speaks to me in the rustle of leaves as squirrels gather their winter storehouse of food. God's presence is in the gentle warmth of the sun's rays. Nature reminds me that I am one with God.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished."

—Genesis 2:1



BLESSING FOR EARTH

The Daily Word message for Saturday, January 11, 2003

Today and every day, I treat Earth well and bless it in prayer.

An American Indian proverb reminds us to treat the Earth well because it is on loan to us from our children. The actions I take today will in some way affect the Earth and the future generations that will inhabit it, so I remain mindful of how I am treating the planet that is my home and sanctuary. And I bless the Earth in my prayers:

“God, thank You for Earth. With each step I take on its land and every stroke I swim in its waters, I treat my home well. With each breeze that caresses my face, I am reminded of the glory of this natural habitat.

“I pray that all inhabitants will be respectful of Earth and treat it well, making right decisions that will bless generations for years to come.”

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”

—Genesis 1:1-3



GOD'S GIFTS

The Daily Word message for Monday, August 2, 1999

I do my part in being a caretaker of planet Earth.

When I look at the sky, hear the birds singing in the trees, or feel the heat of the sun on my face, I am reminded that planet Earth is a wonderful gift that God has given all. I am also reminded that I have an important responsibility as a caretaker of life on Earth.

I am thankful that plants take carbon dioxide from the air and give back life-sustaining oxygen. Lakes and rivers of the Earth provide the water needed for survival and recreation. Refreshing rains replenish life in deserts, valleys, and plains.

As a caretaker, I act in responsible, caring ways toward the environment. I do my part to ensure that the fruits of the Earth continue to flourish, the air remains pure, and the water supplies flow clean.

"When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

—Genesis 9:16



OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

The Daily Word message for Saturday, January 2, 1999

God bless all the creatures of the Earth.

Since the beginning of time, animals have played an important part in the well-being of humankind. And while the roles of different animals may have changed over time, these wonderful creations of God continue to bless us.

Large or small, wild or domestic, animals continue to play central roles in our lives. As helpers in our work and as loving companions in our homes, they bring with them a reminder of God's creativity. The beauty and majesty, the diversity and adaptability of animals are powerful clues that a plan of divine design is unfolding.

Thank God for all animals. Sharing our homes and our world with them, we stand in awe of the wonder that God has created.

"God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good."

—Genesis 1:25





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Excerpt from “Letting My Heart Guide Me,” *Daily Word*, July 2002

By Roxanne Kremer

My childhood was spent on the 4000-acre farm in Wisconsin that my grandfather had bought when he came to the United States from Germany. It contained many acres of rich marshland and some pristine hill land that was a burial ground for a tribe of the Black Hawk Indians. Growing up in the farm country of Wisconsin gave me an understanding of the connection between Mother Earth and all plant and animal life.

One day Grandfather said to me: “This farm is going to come into your hands someday—as your inheritance. I know you will do with it what your heart tells you to do.” About thirty years later that day did come.

After studying zoology, I worked at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Later I traveled to Rwanda, Africa, where I helped the African Wildlife Foundation promote the protection of mountain gorillas and also helped other nonprofit groups raise awareness of global ecological projects.

When my grandfather passed, I was offered \$500,000 for the farm by a contractor who wanted to build tract houses on the land. Even though that was a lot of money, my answer was *no*. My first concern was for the Indian burial grounds. I could not bear to think of that holy ground being disturbed.

Trying to find a way to protect the burial grounds, I called Wisconsin state officials and suggested that the land be set aside as a watershed. Since the magnificent hills on the land sloped down toward the Wisconsin River, they agreed and paid me \$21,000 for that land.

Now that the burial grounds were saved, I was able to turn my efforts toward a new cause. With money I received from the sale, I bought 3750 acres in Peru, for I hoped in some way to help the Indians of South America too. I also planned to use my training as a zoologist to spearhead a new project: field research on the Amazon River dolphins.

When I traveled to Peru in 1982, I was eager to see the rare pink dolphins that lived in the waters of the Amazon River Basin and some of its tributaries. I had been warned not to even put my hands in these waters, because of the danger of a sudden and violent piranha attack. The adventuresome spirit of my childhood took hold. When I saw the dolphins, I felt as if they were trying to communicate with me, and I plunged into the water to swim with them.



When I saw a fin protruding from the water, I thought a gray dolphin was swimming toward me. I didn't have a clue that it was a bull shark. Suddenly four pink dolphins started pushing me back to the boat and away from harm's way. Safe in the boat, I watched as a tremendous splashing took place: the dolphins were attacking the shark by butting it with their heads.

The pink dolphins had saved my life, and I made a commitment to do all I could to protect them. That commitment evolved into Dolphin Corners lodge for ecological and educational trips, and in

1986 I founded the International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest, a nonprofit organization for the protection of all life in the rainforest and its fragile ecosystem. ...

I face each day and any challenges with hope, remembering what my mother always told me: “If you don’t have dreams, how can you make them come true?”

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“Everything God makes
is an **original** creation.
God **never** mass-produces anything.”

—James Dillet Freeman



ALL GOD'S CREATION

The Daily Word message for Thursday, April 26, 2007

God bless animals, for they are essential to the balance of nature.

Bless the animals of every form and size, wherever they may be. In a heartland or on a coastline, in the pasture or the jungle, all are of God's creation.

Whether legged, winged, scaled, or finned, all creatures are precious to the circle of life. As they go about doing what is theirs to do, they make a positive difference in our world.

A tiny, wet-nosed puppy snuggles on a bed. The powerful burst of a whale's blow reaches for the sky. All animals give us reason to appreciate them.

They are handsome, strong, and giving. They give comfort, joy, safety, and service. It is our joy to take care of and protect them and their habitats. Wherever they may be, they are gifts of God, essential to the balance of nature.

"But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark."

—Genesis 8:1



PLANET EARTH

The Daily Word message for Thursday, August 31, 1995

Thank You, God, for planet Earth.

When we realize that we are caretakers of our world, we do all we can to keep it lush and thriving. The beauty and wonder of planet Earth encourage us to enjoy all and also to give back in ways that maintain life in the endless ways it's expressed.

With our senses, we take in the miracle that is within all—from the seemingly simple to the more complex creations. We take no one or nothing for granted.

An even deeper appreciation of all life surges from us when we make the connection between God within us and God everywhere in our world. We love the life of God so abundantly in expression around us. Love lifts us to a spectacular view of our wonderful home.

“But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the Lord your God looks after.”

—Deuteronomy 11:11-12



DOMINION

The Daily Word message for Sunday, January 31, 1932

The spirit of God in me has power and dominion over everything in my life. All things of the external world are under the dominion of God.

Let us realize today that God in the midst of us has dominion and authority over everything about us. Nothing in all the world can subjugate us to itself when we realize this truth. Nothing can cause us to lose sight of the dominion of Spirit or to believe that Spirit can meet defeat. God has given man full dominion, perfect authority, and he exercises this in the name of God.

Can you conceive of God's having made man in His own image and likeness and putting him under the power of evil and disease? Were man under the dominion of sin and adversity, could he be called a son of God, created in the likeness of His power and authority?

Know this day that you have power, dominion, and authority over everything in your life and in your world. The presence and power of God within you give you dominion over the thought of sin, evil, disease, fear, and failure. No limiting belief can have dominion over you when you are established in the consciousness of Truth, in the realization of your God-given authority.

"The upright shall have dominion over them."

—Psalm 49:14 (ASV)



CLIMATE CHANGE OR GLOBAL WARMING?



“The phrase ‘climate change’ is growing in preferred use to ‘global warming’ because it **helps** convey that there are changes in addition to **rising** temperatures.”

—*The National Academies*

TAKE ACTION!

Go green with this suggestion from the EPA
(Environmental Protection Agency):



Change **5** lights

Change a light and you help change the world. Replace the conventional bulbs in your five most frequently used light fixtures with bulbs that have the ENERGY STAR and you will help the environment while saving money on energy bills. If every household in the U.S. took this one simple action, we would prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly 10 million cars.

For more helpful suggestions, visit www.epa.gov/climatechange.

BLESS THE EARTH

The *Daily Word* message for Monday, October 10, 1994

The living, loving spirit of God moves through me to bless planet Earth.

God is infinite good, and God's spirit of love and life permeates everyone and everything on this marvelous planet that we call home.

Today let us bless the planet Earth. We give thanks for the beauty that is everywhere on Earth and for the diversity of people, plants, and animals that make our home a wonder-filled place to live.

Earth is an abundant world that provides all we need for healthy, prosperous living. We help increase this abundance by affirming harmony, peace, and goodwill for all Earth's inhabitants.

Let us declare that the world is getting better. Conditions can't help but improve as the loving spirit of God moves through each of us to bless Earth and all that it contains.

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

–1 Corinthians 4:1 (RSV)



SAFE CONDITIONS

The Daily Word message for Sunday, March 20, 1994

I am thankful for a safe and healthy environment.

With the beginning of spring comes a renewed interest in nature and outdoor activities. I marvel at the evidence of divine life all around me, and I give thanks for such a beautiful world in which to live.

Because I appreciate the beauty of my world, I do my part to ensure that it is a safe and healthy one. Through my thoughts, actions, and affirmative prayers, I help to create an environment that everyone can benefit from and enjoy.

When my activities take me outside, I affirm divine order in the weather. I trust that sunshine and rain will be provided where they are needed most, and safe conditions for everyone will prevail.

I am thankful for a safe and healthy environment.

“Thou art the Lord, thou alone; thou hast made heaven ... the earth and all that is on it ... and thou preservest all of them.”

—Nehemiah 9:6 (RSV)



HEALING THE EARTH

The Daily Word message for Monday, March 2, 1992

The light of God envelops the Earth, and environmental conditions are healed and restored.

Today's affirmation is Silent Unity's prayer for the environment. Just as we pray for the healing of ourselves and others, we also pray for the healing of our environment.

Wherever you are in the world today, join with us in prayer for the weather conditions and for the purity of the air, soil, and water systems of the world.

Let us include all living creatures of forest, plain, mountain, valley, river, sky, and sea. We hold in reverence the great and diverse network of life that inhabits our Earth.

We include individuals in rural, suburban, and city areas of every country in the world. We leave no person, creature, condition, or area out, for we know that the good of the whole is founded on the individual parts.

"Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

—Mark 11:24



WONDER OF LIFE

The Daily Word message for Monday, June 19, 2000

Every day, I discover more of the wonder of God.

I may at times become so caught up in my daily routine that I forget to stop and be aware of the wonder that God is continually creating in the world. When I do take a good look around me, I always discover so much to appreciate.

The wonder of God is evident in people, nature, and events. I experience such joy in expressing my appreciation for the wonder that life is, all the strength and beauty and grace that are within the world.

Hearing the peaceful lapping of waves on the sand or seeing the majestic heights of a redwood forest, I experience the wonder of God through nature. I experience God on a more personal level through the love I share with family and friends.

All is a reminder of God's presence and the creative wonder of God that is unfolding.

"They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

—Acts 3:10



BALANCE

The Daily Word message for Tuesday, August 13, 1991

The love of God prevails in every aspect of the environment. Right and orderly conditions are manifest now.

The environment is a product of its parts: the climate, soil, all people, and all life. Each part—no matter how insignificant it may seem—is important to the whole. For a balanced and healthy environment, the parts work together in harmony for the well-being of the whole.

God has lovingly created our world and provided for its continuing regeneration. The love of God undergirds our environment, for divine love blesses everything and everyone in the world.

As an important part of God's creation, we contribute to and pray for our environment. In prayer, we affirm a balanced and healthy environment, and we act in ways that are in line with our positive prayers. We and all that God has so lovingly created are important to and needed in our environment.

"The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord."

—Psalm 33:5



WORLD VISION

The Daily Word message for Tuesday, June 30, 1998

My commitment is helping to create a world of peace and love.

How can I bless the world? I hold a vision for the world—a vision of peace and love. I see all people being trusting of and accepting one another. United in a sense of purpose, people are working together to accomplish great things for the benefit of all.

There is a worldwide dedication to healing planet Earth so that all nature and all natural wonders not only survive but also flourish. This is a world in which all people live together in harmony.

And I know this vision of the world can become a reality. I help with that reality by helping to create an environment of peace in my own immediate surroundings. Such a vision of peace is shared by others so that, person by person, peace encircles the globe.

World peace can be a reality, and I do what I can to help it along the way.

“And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.”

—Luke 10:6



“We may seem to **pray** and pray
without results,
but every word of Truth we speak,
every affirmation of God’s
presence and power,
has its impact on us and works in us
to **heighten** our awareness,
to bring us to the place
where we go beyond the words of prayer
or the affirmation to the clear,
vivid **realization**.”

—Martha Smock,
Halfway Up the Mountain



CARETAKER

The Daily Word message for Friday, June 21, 1991

I care for the Earth and its resources tenderly and lovingly.

From the moment of creation, God brought forth a beautiful habitation for humankind. Earth is resplendent with abundant resources and life forms. Planet Earth provides beauty, inspiration, and nourishment for soul and body.

As a caretaker of this precious garden of life, I treat the Earth and its resources with tender care. From the highest mountain peak to the driest desert, the Earth is alive with unique and beautiful creatures and plants.

I enjoy the beauty of mighty oceans and tiny creeks, rolling meadows and dense forests. I am mindful of the responsibility I am given as a caretaker of planet Earth. I thank God for creating this beautiful planet, a lovely habitation for all people, for all creatures. I am thankful that I fulfill my responsibility as a caretaker of Earth with tender, loving care.

"And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

—Genesis 2:8



ORDERLY WEATHER

The Daily Word message for Sunday, June 4, 1989

Order prevails in the weather conditions and on Earth.

Planet Earth is a garden, created by God to nurture the soul and body. Lush vegetation and magnificent natural splendors serve to inspire us and provide a habitation for work, rest, and play.

We are Earth's gardeners, responsible for its care and protection. We do not become upset by seeming turbulence in the weather. We choose to be responsible caretakers, acting and praying harmoniously and positively.

God expresses through us, the weather, and Earth as the orderly outworking of divine law. We work in harmony with God's law of order, and nature responds bountifully to our positive thoughts, prayers, and actions.

We pray with faith, knowing that the right amount of rain, sunshine, and wind is happening as a direct result of God's law of order in the weather conditions and on Earth.

"And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

—Mark 4:39 (RSV)



EARTH

The Daily Word message for Friday, May 14, 1971

Through my reliance on the intelligence of God within me, I contribute in some way, every day, to the betterment of this Earth.

It is good that more and more people are becoming concerned about their environment and their responsibility in preserving it. Each one of us can, in his own way, in his own place, contribute something in some way to the betterment of this Earth. Let us never forget that the most important contribution we can make to life and to others is our faith—our belief in the goodness of God, our faith in His Spirit in man. Let us never give way to feelings of despair or discouragement. Let us not fall into fearful patterns of thought. Let us remember that God works in us and through us and that with God's help this can be a better world in which to live for all people.

Man shapes and forms and builds his world, and we are part of those who build. We need have no fear of the future as we place our trust in God and allow His good Spirit to find expression through us.

"The earth is the Lord's."

—Exodus 9:29



“All that has been destroyed, neglected, or lost
through lack of **understanding**
or foolishness or false pride or ambition
can and will be brought forth as present **good**
just as rapidly as you grow in consciousness;
for God is ever **giving** just what we expect.”

—Myrtle Fillmore, *Healing Letters*



WEATHER

The *Daily Word* message for Sunday, May 28, 1961

I bless the weather with divine love.

I bless the weather with divine love. Whenever these words flow from my mind and heart, a new attitude toward weather conditions is established in me. I realize that divine order is at work in all parts of the Earth creating a perfect balance between moisture and life-giving energy from the sun. Sparkling rain gives me a sense of the all-providing care of the Father. Cool winds brush my face and carry the freshness of life. Warm sunshine brightens my heart as I bless each day God gives me.

I am never dismayed if the weather is not exactly the way I want it to be, for I know that all conditions are in perfect balance through divine love. God's love working through me helps me to respond to all types of weather with poise and calm. I sense a new security wherever I go because I know that the blessing I give makes safe and harmonious my way regardless of weather conditions.

I bless the weather with divine love.

*"Bless Jehovah, all ye his works,
in all places of his dominion."*

—Psalm 103:22 (ASV)



GOD'S WORLD

The Daily Word message for Tuesday, March 20, 1956

I enjoy every moment of my life on this wonderful, God-filled Earth.

I love this world. I love this world that God created and filled with such beauty. Everywhere I turn I see evidence of His creative genius and manifestations of His loving Spirit that seem like personal messages designed by the Creator expressly for me.

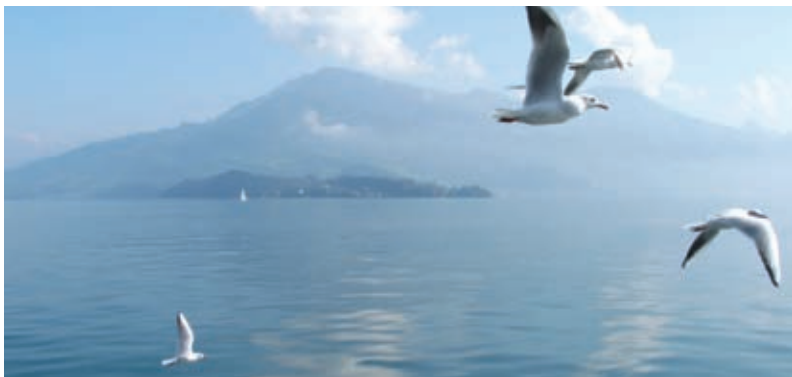
The birds that spread their wings and soar aloft speak to me of my own inherent potentialities. All growing things—trees, shrubs, flowers—remind me that my being, too, has roots in the eternal. The ceaseless flow of waters on the Earth tells of the eternal flow of healing life from God's heart into mine, and the winds that breathe cool sweetness outpicture the forgiving love of God that blows the cobwebs from my soul.

I love this world—its sunshine, its shadows, its variations, its hospitality. I love this world because it reveals the beauty of our God; because it reveals the loving care of God.

I enjoy every moment of my life on this wonderful, God-filled Earth.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in joyous song and sing praises."

—Psalm 98:4



PROTECTION

The Daily Word message for Friday, July 8, 1955

The omnipresent spirit of God is enfolding the Earth in its protecting love.

The entire Earth, and everything and everyone upon it, is completely enfolded in the protecting love of God.

North, south, east, and west—all are within the compass of His love, and the remotest part of this Earth is filled with His radiant, healing light.

On mountaintops, in deep valleys, God's love is there. In barren deserts, jungle forests, and endless seas, God's love is there.

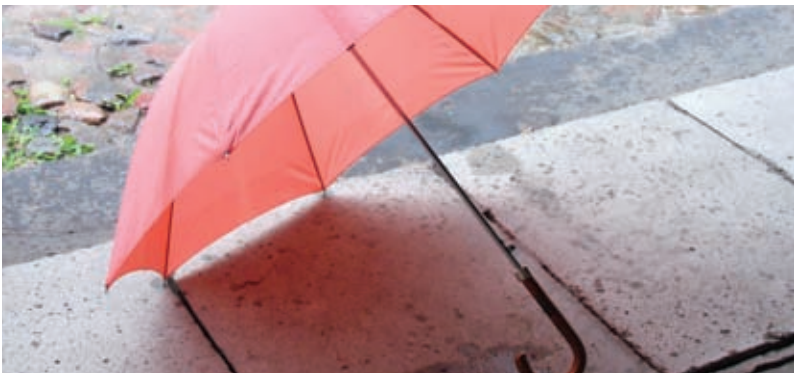
In cities and in the country, God is there. In homes throughout all lands, He rules and reigns supreme.

His Spirit holds the birds aloft and blesses each animal on Earth with instinct. His life grows in every tree and plant and flower, and His divine image shines in the depths of every human being.

Truly the Earth is the Lord's, and there is nothing to fear. His love is guiding the entire world to the glorious destiny of peace for which it was created.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

—Psalm 24:1 (KJV)



GOD'S GOOD EARTH

The Daily Word message for Wednesday, August 11, 1954

The loving presence of God is enfolding and protecting this Earth now and forevermore. I have no fear. I trust Him.

God created this Earth, and His presence protects this Earth forevermore. His love sustains and enfolds it. No matter what gigantic proportions man's display of destructive activity may assume, I will not be afraid. I will remind myself that God's loving Spirit permeates every atom of creation and that His harmonizing presence in every living person will not permit the ultimate destruction of His handiwork.

I believe that the Spirit of God in our scientists is guiding them in their research and that His wisdom is guiding mankind in the proper control and use of the discoveries that this research brings forth.

Every time I am tempted to feel apprehensive, I calm my fears by recalling the eternal words of Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled," and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

*"The eternal God is thy dwelling-place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms."*

—Deuteronomy 33:27 (ASV)



“Our consciousness
is our real **environment**.
The outer environment
is always in correspondence
to the **thoughts**
making up our consciousness.”

—Charles Fillmore





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