

## **Prayer for the Symposium**

God, Father of all creation,  
Your breath gave life to all humankind.  
We were then welcomed by what you created  
Y asked to live in harmony with it.

The earth is our community;  
You have put us in charge of its care,  
To cultivate it with responsibility  
And to administrate it for the good of all.

You sent your Son, Lord, to our earth community  
To redeem it and to put into our hands  
The mission of now welcoming what you have created  
And to build from it your Kingdom.

The Blood poured out by your Son  
Lifts us up to fight for a renewed life together,  
An earth community, where there is respect  
And harmony among all creation.

Lord, help us, as missionaries,  
To be responsible, committed  
And always available to defend what you have created.  
That our earth community be for the service of all!

Amen!

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