

Earth Day Prayer and Resources

You are encouraged to pray the following prayer at noon on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, as we join people around the world in celebrating Creation.

*God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
Open our eyes to the wonders of
creation and teach us to use all things
for good, to the honor of your glorious
Name. Amen.*

[\(https://buildfaith.org/prayers-earth-day/\)](https://buildfaith.org/prayers-earth-day/)



The following resources and websites provide ideas for celebrating Earth Day and living a more sustainable and Earth-honoring lifestyle:

<https://ecoamerica.org/earth-day-is-everybodys-movement/> The ELCA is a partner with ecoAmerica. This film, "When the Earth Moves," is presented for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

<https://earthministry.org/> - Earth Ministry is hosting a variety of online events to celebrate Earth Day.

<https://landing.pachamama.org/earth-day?hsCtaTracking=fdfaa2af-63f5-4424-8626-73739a40038d%7Cc20393dc-c60c-4c8d-84f4-c80b5a317ad4> "Voices for the Earth Summit" from Pachamama Alliance is available for free.

<https://pollybarks.com/celebrate-earth-day-at-home/> - Her language is a little crude, but she has GREAT, practical ideas for zero waste and sustainable living

Suggestions from ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton:

- Explore and use ELCA [Care for Creation](#) resources, including video, study and action guides with information about the Creation Care Ambassadors initiative.
- Read the Lutherans Restoring Creation story "[5 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day as Church Together but Apart.](#)"
- Learn about the [Creation Care Ambassadors](#) program that equips Lutherans to be leaders in settings across the church and in our communities.
- Accept the ELCA Young Adults [No Plastics for Lent](#) challenge this Easter season.
- Participate in a local clean-up (with appropriate distancing) if permitted by local authorities, or participate in the [Earth Challenge](#) 2020 citizen scientist initiative, focused on plastic pollution and clean air.
- On April 21, take part in the Parliament of World Religions' [50th Earth Day Observance With Global Religious and Indigenous Leaders.](#)
- Join with the ELCA's ecumenical partner [Creation Justice Ministries](#) in advocacy, education and prayer.