Trinity Climate Action Prayer Support – Feb, 2025

Dear Supporter,

We are still a little bit in limbo, awaiting the visit of the A Rocha judges, so………

1.Let us pray that we will be able to convince the judges, **face-to-face**, when they visit Trinity, that our entry is good enough to achieve a Gold Eco Church Award under the existing rules.

2.Pray for the Trinity Eco Group to have wisdom (assuming we gain a Gold Award) on **how we should mark the achievement**.

And now looking outside Trinity…….

3. **Restoring the Natural World\*.** Almighty God, we lift to You this beautiful world, given to us to nurture and cultivate. We confess we have often failed in stewarding it well and beseech You to grant the vision, will and strategy to undo the damage caused. We hope our children and grandchildren succeed in this endeavour. For Christ’s sake. Amen.

4. **Protecting the Environment 1\*.** Lord, we remember those vulnerable to the effects of extreme weather, coastal erosion and rising sea levels that can damage property and disrupt people’s lives. Please help those who respond to crises as they carry out rescues, prevent further damage and clear up afterwards. For Christ’s sake. Amen.

5. **Protecting the Environment 2\*.** Lord, we pray for local authorities, governments, businesses, and other stakeholders to take more seriously the problems impacting our planet. Raise up wise leaders who will promote green policies even at the expense of financial, political and personal gain. In Your mercy. Amen.

6. **Action on the Environment\*.** Maker of all things, please grant success to organisations and individuals involved in the protection of wildlife – flora and fauna – throughout the world, protecting existing habitats, providing new safe spaces and initiating other measures to aid flourishing. We ask in Christ’s name. Amen.

7. **The Living World\*.** Lord, please help scientists to understand how we can reverse the serious decline in the number of insects that play a crucial part in our ecosystems throughout the world. Grant wisdom to farmers, gardeners, beekeepers and other individuals who work with nature. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

(\* - various prayers “borrowed” from CARE, Christian Action Research and Education.)

“Creator God, by whose word the universe was willed into existence and by whose love each one of us is created and redeemed, grant us so to recognise our interconnectedness with all creation that we might live in respect for all that is around us.

May we treat our creation gently and with reverence, respecting the ground on which we tread, that by our nurture and care of all that sustains us we may pass on to others that which we have received so that all might share in its benefits.

Help us to recognise that **“the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it”** so that with all creation we may honour the Creator and live together responsibly and with love. Amen.”

*(Prayer from the ‘The Earth is the Lord’s’, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2020/2021, by Jonathan Pye, Bristol District Chair, 2021)*

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