

Act of Commitment for the Green Christian Way of Life Community

GATHERING RESPONSES

Mother and Father of all life, God-with-us, we gather:

To offer our servanthship of your creation

Feed us:

With knowledge and understanding

Awaken within our hearts:

A passion for sustainable living

Enable us:

To take lighter footsteps on your good earth

Help us:

To find ways of living more simply.

Introduction

God, in all that is most living and incarnate in Him, is not far away from us altogether apart from the world we see, touch, hear smell and taste. Rather He awaits us in every instant in our action in the world of the moment....He is at the tip of my pen, my brush, my needle – of my heart and of my thought (Teilhard de Chardin).

Commitment

I choose to seek to know God through caring and serving creation.
with this particular people, in this particular community, at this particular time.

I bind myself to this Way through the disciplines of:

daily prayer
living gently on the earth
public witness, and
encouragement

not as a prescription but as a structure and provocation for our spiritual journey together. I gladly accept my Companions to help me apply The Way realistically in my situation.

I bind myself:

to see, observe and listen

I bind myself:

to grieve and weep for, and with, all creation

I bind myself:

to accept the storms which come because I hope.

I bind myself

to act with and for creation whatever the consequences.

I bind myself

to accompanying others in their spiritual journey, walking with them on their journey

A Prayer (to be said by Companions)

This day I bind around me
The power of the Sacred Three
The hand to hold
The heart to love,
The eye to see,
The presence of the Trinity

I wrap around my mortal frame
The power of the Creator's name:
The Father's might, His holy arm,
To shield this day and keep from harm.

I cover myself from above
With the great Redeemer's love.
The Son's bright light to shine on me,
To protect this day, to eternity.

I pull around me with earth's good light
The knowledge of the Spirit's sight.
The Strengthener's eye to keep guard
Covering my path when it is hard.

This day I bind around me
The power of the Sacred Three

BLESSINGS

Bless, O God,
Our desire to live sustainably
Bless, O God,
Our hope for all to see creation's beauty.
Bless, O God,
Our care for the environment.
Bless, O God,
The small things we do for your world.
Bless around us , O God,
Those who find ways to live in harmony with creation.
Bless us, O God,
That we may be whole and live as you created us to be.

May the earth sustain our strength,
may Christ sustain our love,
may we sustain one another's joy:
and may we live as a blessing
to God, to the earth and to humanity. Amen.