

## **Livesimply prayer**

Compassionate and loving God,  
you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

## **Walk lightly**

Each leaf, and each petal,  
each grain, each person,  
sings your praises,  
Creator God.

Each creature on the earth,  
all the mountains and the great seas,  
show your glory,  
spirit of love.

And yet  
the hand of greed  
has patented and plundered  
your splendour,  
has taken and not shared  
your gift,  
has lived as owner of the earth,  
not guest.

And so  
the ice is cracked  
the rivers dry,  
the valleys flooded

and the snowcaps melt.

God our Father, show us  
how to step lightly,  
how to livesimply,

with respect and love  
for all that you have made.

Amen

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