

## **Earth Care Reflections 2024**

- ✓ World peace begins in each heart. If the tree is to be green, its individual leaves must be green. (Unknown)
- ✓ In God all that is, is God. In God the smallest creature of the earth and sea is worth no atom less than you or me. (Angelus Silesius)
- ✓ Spring, and no one can be still, with all the messages coming through. (Rumi)
- ✓ Let there be peace in the sky and in the atmosphere, peace in the planet world and in the forests; Let the cosmic powers be peaceful; let there be fulfilling peace everywhere. (Atharvaveda)
- ✓ You are blest among the planets, blest beneath the feet of the dancing circle of women. (Unknown)
- ✓ The sky is filled with stars and the sun, this earth with life vibrant. Among it all I too have received a home out of this wonder my song is born. (Rabindranatah Tagor)
- ✓ The wild deer wandering here and there keep the human soul from care. (Wm. Blake)
- ✓ It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then, that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds. (Black Elk)
- ✓ Mother Earth, it is you who feed us, shelter us, teach us, heal us. And like unthinking children we squander your riches, taking without thought from the future. (Judith Favia)
- ✓ I hold sacred the natural order of the earth, and vow to do my utmost to help turn the tide of our Earth's devastation. (Anonymous)
- ✓ Let us plead with ourselves to live in a way which will not deprive other living beings of air, water, food, shelter, or the chance to live. (Thich Nhat Hahn)
- ✓ All you who will come after me on this Earth, be with me now. It is for your sakes that I work to heal our world. Help me to be faithful in the task that must be done, so

that there will be for you, as there is for me, blue sky, fruitful land, clear water.

(Joanna Macy)

- ✓ It is taught we reap what we sow; no crime or compassion will go unpaid. The earth's harvest of tears we have seeded, so her healing, in our hands, God has laid.  
(Maureen Curle)
  - ✓ May every living being, seen and unseen, those dwelling far off, those near-by, those already born, those waiting to be born, may all attain inward peace. (The Sutta Nipata)
  - ✓ Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now. Think. (Hildegard of Bingen)
1. May the Great Spirit watch over you as long as the grass grows and the waters flow.  
(Cherokee song)
  2. For the person with attention, everyday becomes the very day upon which all the world depends. (Rami M. Shapirio)
  3. I offer my eyes to the Earth so that it can have my perspective. I offer all my senses, so that all that I see from this place, the Earth can see. (John Seed)
  4. Let my plant bring forth your flowers, let my fruit produce your seed. Let my heart become your lute, Beloved, and my body your flute of reed. (Hazrat Inayat Kahn)
  5. When the wind blows, that is my medicine. When it rains, that is my medicine. When it hails, that is my medicine. When it becomes clear after a storm, that is my medicine. (Wolf Coller)
  6. Night is drawing nigh, for all that has been-- Thanks! For all that shall be—Yes! (Dag Hammarskjöld)
  7. The Sun has been getting up early, delighting the earth with its rays, promising wildflower mornings and a wealth of hummingbird days. (Unknown)
  8. We give thanks for sun and moon, dark night and day, rain and clouds, fertile field and sky, springtime and harvest, growth, and rest. (Congregation of Abraxas)

9. How infinite are your creatures, Unnamable One! With wisdom you made them all.  
The whole earth is filled with your riches. (Psalm 104)
10. I pledge allegiance to this earth, and all the people on it: and to the ocean which  
surrounds it all; all creatures, all beings, the sky above---with understanding and  
compassion for all. (Adrienne Skyborne)
11. My heart was split, and a flower appeared; and grace sprung up; and it bore fruit for  
my God. (The Ode of Solomon)
12. To be like these, straight, true, and fine; to make our world, like theirs, a shrine; sink  
down, O, Traveler, on your knees, God stands before you in these trees. (Joseph B.  
Strause)
13. Almighty One, in the woods I am blessed. Happy everyone in the woods. Every tree  
speaks through you, O God! What Glory in the woodland. (Ludwig van Beethoven)
14. My gentle hill, I rest beside you in the dark in a place warmed by my body, where by  
ardor, grace, work and loss, I belong. (Wendell Berry)
15. Sunsets and rainbows, green forests, and restive blue seas, all naturally colored  
things are my siblings. We have played together on the floor of the world since the  
first stone looked up at the stars. (Maya Angelou)
16. Touch the earth and listen to the rocks for they remember they know and remember  
all that has come to pass here. (Lee Henderson)
17. God of all creation, grant us this day some meetings with bird or moon, sheep or  
star, insect, or the sun itself: that we might marvel and know and praise you again  
and forever and ever. Amen! (Gabe Huck)
18. Don't pray for the rain to stop. Pray for good luck fishing when the river floods.  
(Wendell Berry)
19. Which of these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God's hand is  
the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind. (Job 12:9-10)
20. Find a way today to praise, honor and give glory to the Holy One whose voice is  
heard in all of creation.