



RESPONSIVE PRAYER

POLLUTION

This prayer below is also available on a PowerPoint presentation in the ACTION PACK.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:1)

All: We praise your majesty, our Creator God.

Leader: You made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honour. (Psalm 8:5)

All: We are created in your image and we sing praises because we are precious in your sight.

Leader: You made us rulers over all creation, the flocks and herds, the birds and fish and all that swim in the seas. (Psalm 8:6)

All: You have given us the authority and responsibility for guarding and protecting your amazing and beautiful creation.

Leader: Forgive us, for we have not always taken our responsibilities seriously.

All: Forgive us, for we have allowed pollution of the air and the land, the sea and the rivers.

Leader: Forgive us, for those times when we have not stood up against that which we know is against your plan for creation.

All: Forgive us, for those times when we have neglected to act on behalf of our brothers and sisters who have no access to clean water for drinking, washing and agriculture.

Leader: In the beginning... the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Genesis 1:1)

All: And God said, 'Let the water teem with living creatures...' and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:20,21)

Leader: We see how much of creation is no longer good; many seas and rivers have no life because man has released harmful substances and dangerous chemicals.

All: We see how the world God created is being destroyed by man's carelessness.

Leader: Jesus, show us what we can do to make a difference.

All: Jesus, we want to act for good and see all people enjoying the basic necessity of clean water.

Adults: Give us an awareness of what is needed so that parents can see their children have the joy of clean drinking water to make them healthy.

Children: May children everywhere have the joy of seeing their parents cooking and washing with clean water which is freely available.

All: Give us responsive hearts to act justly on behalf of those who are suffering because of the lack of clean water. Inspire and direct all who are working to alleviate suffering and reduce illness and death through providing resources to enable clean water to be available to everyone. Answer their prayers through us and answer our prayers through them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

