

Devon Churches Green Action

SEASON OF CREATION

1st September to 5th October 2010

O God, we use more than what is ours.
Therefore your creation is suffering.
We consume the resources of the earth
at the expense of the poor and oppressed.
We are prisoners of consumption
and we confess that we do not want to get out of our captivity.
We seek security by possession.
We steal from those coming after us.
We know that the earth is fragile, but this knowledge paralyses us.
We confess that passivity suits us
and that we do not want to get out of it.
We acknowledge that we often know the truth,
but we do not want to know it.
As we do not want to commit ourselves
our proclamations are not credible.
As we do not want to be a part of change
others have to live in despair.
As we do not want to pay for a new way of living,
others have to pay with their lives.
We hope for unity, but we do not act.
We honour the ideals of compassion and love,
but we do not follow them.
God, we confess that we take pleasure in confessing
without breaking up from our sins.
'Out of the depth, I cry to you, O God, Lord, hear my cry'.

[prayer from the Church of Norway]

Source: European Christian Environment Network (ECEN)

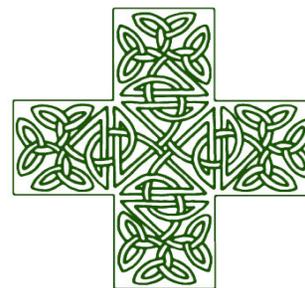
Bless, O Lord
The plants, the vegetation and the herbs of the field,
That they may grow and increase to fullness
and bear much fruit.
And may the fruit of the land remind us
of the spiritual fruit we are to bear

[Coptic Orthodox liturgy, Egypt]

Following the Copenhagen Accord (December 2009) the next round of international summits for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be held in Cancun, Mexico from 29th November to 10th December 2010.

Please continue to pray regularly for:-

- ◆ Our planet and its peoples
- ◆ Leaders of the nations
- ◆ UNFCCC staff
- ◆ An understanding of climate change issues at all levels
- ◆ The world's poorest people
- ◆ Islands at risk as sea levels rise
- ◆ Animals and plants becoming extinct
- ◆ A zero carbon future
- ◆ Individuals to commit to simpler lifestyles as soon as possible



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