

*Prayer for the Environmental Commission
of the Diocese of Oregon*

O Holy God, you who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns the darkness into light,
who summons the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the earth;
we gather in your presence to consider the work you have given us;

To inspire the people of this Diocese to recognize your hand in all of Creation;
To educate our people about how to be good stewards of the land, air, and water;
To model ministry that incorporates protection, preservation, and sustainable use of your
Creation;

Hear our anxiety about the increasing damage to the earth's systems, and our grief over
lost habitats and species;

We seek your guidance as we consider the issues and this work, that we might be
effective and wise in all that we do, delighting in and honoring one another's skills and
gifts, as we seek justice and well-being for all, to the Honor and Glory of your Name.
Amen

Mission Statement:

The Environmental Commission of the Diocese of Oregon

The Environmental Commission of the Diocese of Oregon is a group of lay and clergy
leaders within the diocese that focuses on environmental issues from the perspective of a
people of faith. The Commission's mission is:

To inspire the Diocese to celebrate the beauty, mystery, sacredness and generosity of
God's creation.

To educate the members of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon about current
environmental issues, and how those issues affect the continued livability of our region
and our world.

To raise awareness both within and outside the Church on the urgency and
importance of caring for the environment.

To emphasize models of ministry that incorporate protection, preservation, and
sustainable use of God's creation.

³At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,
suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.²

Book of Common Prayer, page 370