

## ***A Prayer for the Ecozoic Era***

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**M**ost Holy and Gracious Creator,

To you be all blessing and honor and praise for all that has been made! You have formed me and placed me within a world filled with beauty, endless variety, and intricate interrelationships. In my life's journey, you have made my path to cross with those who have helped me to see and understand more fully the complex wonders of this Earth and those things that tear at its life-giving fabric.

You have opened my eyes and my heart to your presence in the wind and the waves and the life forms around me. You have entrusted and blessed me with children and blessed them with a capacity to behold the natural world with curiosity and love. You have lured me into an ever deeper intimacy with the landscapes and creatures around me. I thank you for the sacramental moments at dawn and sundown, for fireflies and ladybugs, for mountains and lakes, for hoarfrost on pine needles, for the turn of the seasons and the gifts of each one.

You have led me to kindred spirits and given me hope that together we might witness among our fellow humans a new awareness of how to rightly honor you and restore our souls, by remembering our most true selves and our place in the unfolding story of the universe. Thereby we will consciously, intentionally rejoin the single, sacred community of life, as ordained by you in your infinite creativity, wisdom and love.

To that end let us pledge our lives.

Amen, may it be so!