
Sunday, March 7

Prayer by Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb

Grateful, we are, to You – *Source of Life*:

For Earth's intricate, interconnected, interdependent biosphere. For the marvelous riot of flora and fauna filling every niche. For the diversity of life, among millions of species; and for the diversity of humanity, each of us a unique reflection of Your image. For the gift of Existence, which we must never take for granted!

Blessed are You, Eternal our G-d, Spirit of the universe, maker of the works of Creation.

Grateful, we are, to You – *Source of Connection*:

For our humble, critical place in Your world. For relationships between people; among all peoples; among all creatures; and with You, Holy Blessed One. For the first enduring covenant You made – not with one group or one species but with All Life (Genesis 9) – our enduring call to remember that we're all in it together:

Blessed are You, Eternal our G-d, Spirit of the universe – who remembers the rainbow covenant, and is faithful in the divine covenant, and sustains the divine word.

Grateful, we are, to You – *Source of Purpose*:

For setting the very first human mission (Gen. 2:15), to serve and to guard the ecosystem within which we are one beautiful part. For guiding us to pursue justice, for all Your children. For implanting within us awareness, intelligence, wisdom, and goodness, by which we make meaning for our own lives, and contribute to the good of all.

Let us Bless the Source of Life – who has given us the sacred opportunity to repair the world.

Monday, March 8

Fact: “In the Arctic, 2020 has seen exceptional warmth, with temperatures more than 3 degrees Celsius above average – and more than 5 degrees in northern Siberia.”

Act: Dreaming of being able to travel again? Yesterday's New York Times passed on a suggestion from “Canada's David Suzuki Foundation”: Save up your holiday time, plan for less frequent, longer visits to distant destinations. This allows you to really get to know a place, and get more value out of one round trip by plane. Taking one fewer transatlantic flight has been

identified by scientists as one of the most impactful things an individual can do to lower his or her own carbon footprint.

Tuesday March 9th



Fact: “COVID-19 lockdowns have temporarily reduced emissions and pollution. But carbon dioxide levels are still at record highs – and rising.” Around the world, women are at the forefront of ecological action and sustainable development.

Act: Join Kairos in [calling on the federal government](#) to fund Canada’s Feminist international assistance policy.

Wednesday March 10th



Fact: In 2019, carbon dioxide levels reached 148 per cent of pre-industrial levels. In 2020, the upward trend has continued despite the pandemic.

Act: Ask the government of Quebec to [reject the GNL pipeline](#) (which is planned to transport “fracked” gas).

Thursday March 11th



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Fact: “Methane soared even higher – to 260 per cent. Nitrous oxide, a powerful greenhouse gas that also harms the ozone layer, has escalated by 123 per cent.”

Act: Complete the [personal action pledge](#) on *For the love of Creation’s* website. *For the love of creation* is an ecumenical environmental initiative in which the Anglican church has played a leadership role. (You can repeat some of the same commitments as you made last week, but the pledge for reconciliation should be new). Post your pledge on social media.

Friday March 12th



Fact: “Meanwhile, climate policies have yet to rise to the challenge. Emissions are 62 per cent higher now than when international climate negotiations began in 1990.”

Act: Personalise and sign For the love of creation’s [letter to the minister of the environment](#) urging Canada to reduce Canada's national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 60 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and to invest in a just transition to a fair, inclusive, green economy that creates good secure jobs, and promotes the well-being of everyone in Canada.

Saturday 13th March 11



Fact: “Every tenth of a degree of warming matters. Today, we are at 1.2 degrees of warming and already witnessing unprecedented climate extremes and volatility in every region and on every continent.”

Indigenous peoples, in Canada and worldwide, are natural leaders in environmental action. They are also among those who suffer the most from the effects of climate change.

Act: Personalise and sign [For the love of creation’s letter](#) urging Canada to honour the rights of Indigenous peoples by implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including, but not limited to, the right of free, prior and informed consent, and engage in a robust and inclusive dialogue with Indigenous stakeholders to ensure that the action plan envisioned in Bill C-15 is a core priority across departments.

Sunday 14th March

Patrick's Rune

Anonymous; translated by Charles Mangan



At Tara to-day in this fateful hour
I place all Heaven with its power,
And the sun with its brightness,
And the snow with its whiteness,
And fire with all the strength it hath,

And lightning with its rapid wrath,
And the winds with their swiftness along their path,
And the sea with its deepness,
And the rocks with their steepness,
And the earth with its starkness:

 All these I place,
 By God's almighty help and grace,
Between myself and the powers of darkness.

Monday 15th March



Fact: “Apocalyptic fires and floods, cyclones and hurricanes are increasingly the new normal.”

Act: Sign [For the love of Creation's letter](#) calling on Canada to increase its funding commitment to help countries in the global south survive the effects of climate change, as well as reduce their own emissions.
