**A Prayer in Times of Chaos**

Spirit of God who dwells in all creation, help us to remember You are with us in the middle of chaos; creating anew.

Spirit of God who dwells in all creation, teach us Your Wisdom.  Show us ways to manifest Your Beatitudes in all we think, do and say, becoming a reflection of Your light for all to see.

Spirit of God who dwells in all creation, teach us to allow Your love to embrace us and fill us without reservation, so we may be a font of that love in our world.

Spirit of God who dwells in all creation, we ask that you grant abundant wisdom, courage, openness and compassion to those chosen to lead us so their service be directed to promoting the common good.

Spirit of God who dwells in all creation, we ask that You bestow unity, peace and harmony to all people of our great nation. Help infuse our discussion of differing perspectives with civility and firmness in revealing Your truth.

This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*By Emmaus Community*

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**A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation**

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.   
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.  
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father’s love   
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.  
Praise be to you!

[….]

God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
 and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!  
Amen.

*By Pope Francis*

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