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Climate Justice 2 Litanies

- L In the beginning, God, you created the heavens and the earth
- C And it was good.
- L You separated the light from the darkness,
- C And it was good.
- L You made the sky, the seas, and the dry land,
- C And it was good.
- L God, you spoke, and the earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with seed in it.
- C And it was good.
- L You made the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night,
- C And it was good.
- L God, you said, "Let the waters bring forth living creatures and let the birds fly across the sky," – and they did!
- C And it was good.
- L And you blessed these creatures, saying "Be fruitful and multiply,"
- C And it was good.
- L You made the creatures of the earth – cattle and creeping things and wild animals of every kind,

C And it was good.

L And then, God, you made humankind in your image, to have dominion over the earth and to tend it,

C And it was good.

L Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day, you finished all the work you had done and you rested. And you blessed the seventh day and you hallowed it,

C And it was good.

All And it was all very good. Amen.

L For our scorched and darkened earth,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For our leaders who obstruct climate change negotiations,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For the scandal of billions wasted in subsidies to oil companies,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For overlooking the devastation of the Alberta tar sands,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For the pollution of the water systems,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For the illness of the residents of Fort Chipewyan, who have been plagued with rare forms of cancer,

C Forgive us, Lord.

L For the firing of climate scientists at Environment Canada who lost their jobs for telling the truth,

C Forgive us, Lord.

- L For choosing our own comfort over your call to live simply in this world,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For our addiction to oil,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For driving to the grocery store when we could have walked,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For demanding exotic foods like pineapples, bananas, and shrimp,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For indulging ourselves in overseas vacations,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For neglecting our sisters and brothers in the Global South who suffer through droughts and famines,
C Forgive us, Lord.
- L For all these things, Lord, and also for the many other ways we fail to care for your creation,
C Forgive us, Lord.