



Earth Day 2021



The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. (Ps. 19)

On this Earth Day, April 22, 2021, may you be blessed and refreshed by the beauty around us that is our gift in the north from the Creator. Today I offer each of you reflections from some of my spiritual reading sources.

In her book, Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life, Joyce Rupp, in her theme **Compassion for *Creation***, provides this REFLECTION:

***Stand and look at the cosmos that's visible to you – the sky, sun, moon, or stars – remaining silent and contemplating this with a reverent gaze. Remember where you stand: on the curve of an astounding orb floating through the universe.
Bow deeply in respect for what you behold.***



Diann L. Neu, author of [return blessings: Ecofeminist Liturgies Renewing the Earth](#) says:
“Nature taught me about the Divine and prayer”. Diann offers this prayer:

Holy Creator, Wisdom Sophia, we give you thanks and praise. You make all life holy and fill the universe with your goodness. Give us strength to understand and eyes to see all that you entrust to our care. Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live and inhabit your creation. We honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen. Blessed be. Let it be so.

Reflection

The Earth is full of beauty. We walk in beauty daily.

What beauty did you notice today? What beauty do you wish for this season?

How will you work to restore beauty to the Earth?

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