**Gebet** zur **Fastenaktion**

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O God, our loving Father,

we thank and praise you for the gift of this earth which you created with love and wisdom.

It is with great sadness that we have not been responsible stewards.

In these past three hundred years the dominant model of development is that of exploitation of the earth and its resources benefiting only a fraction of human beings while the rest have been left out.

Indeed, O Lord, new and many things have been invented.

But they are enjoyed only by a few while the rest of us languish in basic needs.

And many of those things that are produced and consumed soon end up being thrown as

wastes.

This kind of development is bereft of justice because you created the world, O Loving Father, and all that is in it for everyone and not only for some.

We pray you, O Lord, to change our hearts.

It is sad that they who contribute the least to the destruction of the earth are the ones who suffer the most the ill effects of climate change.

They are the ones who have very limited possibilities for adapting to the changed situations.

This is a cry of injustice that shouts out to the heavens.

Open our ears to hear this cry now and change our ways.

We believe, Lord, that even if our situation is so grim, there is hope, because you are a God who cares.

Thank you for the witness of many, even children, who go out of their way to shake us up and to push us to action.

All of these we ask you Father-Creator through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh through whom and for whom all things are made in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.