

## **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

### **for Members of Parish Green / Eco Cells or Creation Care Groups**

*(for use after the Homily or after Communion)*

#### **To the whole congregation**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, (*during this Season of Creation*), all of us are called to deepen our connection with nature and intensify our commitment to protect our common home. This is part of the vocation of every Christian, and we thank the Lord for the many ways in which we are responding to this call. The (*name of parish green cell*) members have taken up (*/ will be taking up*) this response in a special way. They (*will*) give their time and talents in undertaking different ecological activities and guiding the rest of the parish along this path. I now invite the members of the (*name / abbreviation of parish green cell*) to step forward and stand before the altar / or to stand up in their places.

#### **To the members of the group**

The parish community at (*name of parish*) is grateful to you for your zeal and commitment. In this mission, you would have experienced (*/ will experience*) joy and fulfilment, but there would (*/ will*) also be many moments of failure and disappointment. The congregation joins together in asking God's continued blessings upon you.

I invite the congregation to raise their right hand in blessing.

#### **Prayer**

Loving God, Creator of us all, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you have set aside persons for diverse ministries in the Church, each according to their own charism. We place before you our sisters and brothers whom you have called to the Ministry of caring for Creation.

Give them an awareness of the beauty that lies in every creature. Fill them with wisdom that they may discern the right choices to be made. Grant them patience for those times when the fruit of their labour is not seen. And, above all, bestow upon them the joy of your constant presence that they may see you in all things and all things in you. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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*This short prayer service / prayer of blessing has been prepared by Fr Luke Rodrigues SJ. Parishes are free to adapt and use as they see fit.*



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