

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing terraced rice fields on a hillside. The foreground is filled with lush green rice plants. The middle ground shows several levels of terraced fields, some of which are illuminated by the warm light of the sun. In the background, there are more hills and mountains, some of which are shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with a bright glow of light breaking through near the horizon, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

Prayer for Justice and Creation

The Earth is Sacred



The earth is
the Lord's, and
everything in
it, the world,
and all who
live in it.

Psalms 24:1



Thanksgiving for Creation and Justice

Response: We thank You, Creator



For the fertile lands, the forests, the waters, and all creation that sustains life.

Response: We thank You, Creator



For communities that preserve the traditions of living in harmony with the earth.

Response: We thank You, Creator

For voices of hope—leaders, advocates,
and organizations confronting injustice.



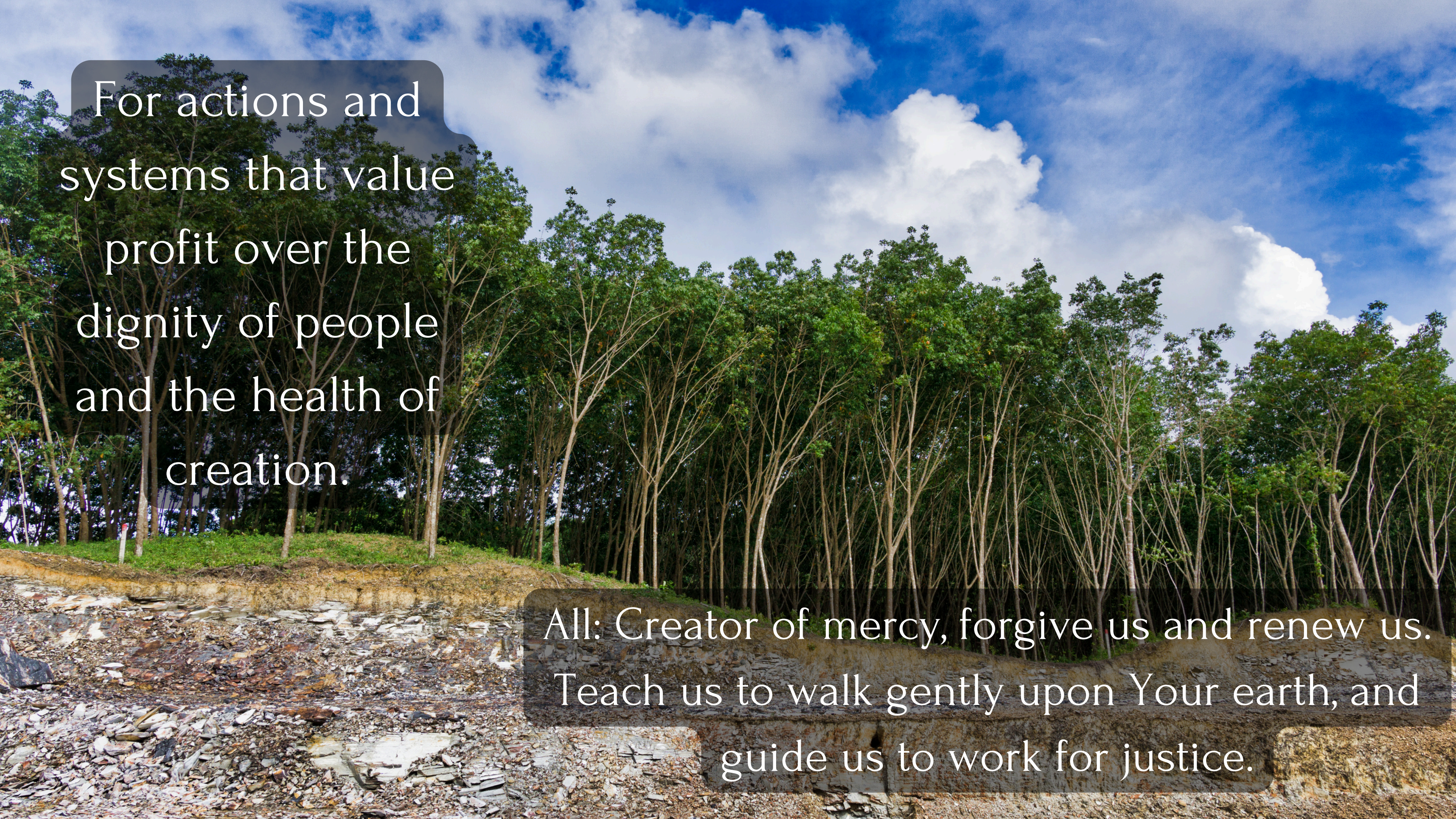
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An aerial photograph showing a landscape with significant soil erosion. The terrain is characterized by deep, winding channels and large, irregularly shaped pits filled with a yellowish-brown, silty material. Patches of green vegetation are scattered throughout the landscape, particularly in the lower-lying areas and along the edges of the eroded channels. The overall appearance is one of environmental degradation and land loss.


For ignoring the
suffering of
families, farmers,
and indigenous
communities
displaced from
their ancestral
lands.

All: Creator of mercy, forgive us and renew us.
Teach us to walk gently upon Your earth, and
guide us to work for justice.

A landscape photograph featuring a rocky, uneven foreground in the lower-left corner. A dense line of tall, thin trees with green foliage stretches across the middle ground. The sky above is bright blue with scattered white clouds. Two semi-transparent dark grey text boxes are overlaid on the image. The first box is in the upper-left, and the second is in the lower-right.

For actions and
systems that value
profit over the
dignity of people
and the health of
creation.

All: Creator of mercy, forgive us and renew us.
Teach us to walk gently upon Your earth, and
guide us to work for justice.

An aerial photograph showing a large area of deforestation. The central and right portions of the image show a hillside that has been cleared of its original forest. The remaining earth is terraced into numerous horizontal layers, creating a wavy, undulating pattern of brown soil. A network of dirt roads and paths crisscrosses the cleared area. To the left and right of the cleared zone, there are large, dense areas of green forest, providing a stark contrast to the brown, eroded earth. The overall scene depicts significant environmental impact and land degradation.

For remaining
silent when we
could speak out or
act against
injustice.

All: Creator of mercy, forgive us and renew us.
Teach us to walk gently upon Your earth, and
guide us to work for justice.





- For displaced communities: that they may find justice, healing, and the restoration of their dignity.

Response: Hear us, Creator, and renew the earth.



- For farmers, indigenous peoples, and all whose livelihoods depend on the land: may their rights and traditions be honored.

Response: Hear us, Creator, and renew the earth.



- For governments and corporations: that they may choose wisdom, equity, and respect for the earth over greed and exploitation.

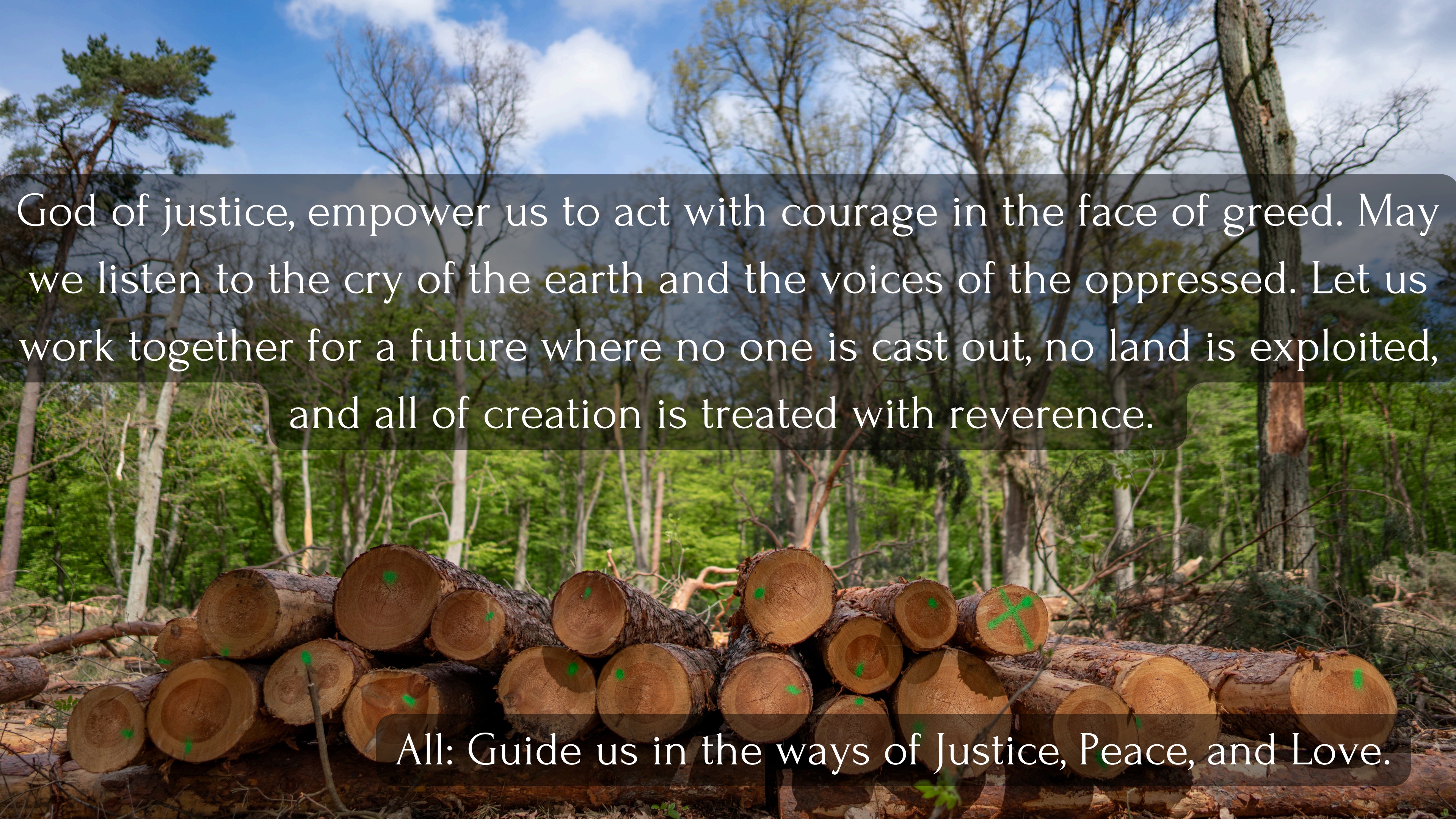
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• For us gathered here: that we may be inspired to live as stewards of God's creation and advocates for justice.


Response: Hear us, Creator, and renew the earth.





God of justice, empower us to act with courage in the face of greed. May we listen to the cry of the earth and the voices of the oppressed. Let us work together for a future where no one is cast out, no land is exploited, and all of creation is treated with reverence.

All: Guide us in the ways of Justice, Peace, and Love.

A small, vibrant green seedling with several leaves grows from a mound of dark soil in the center of the frame. The surrounding ground is parched and cracked, with scattered dry leaves and twigs, suggesting a dry or arid environment. The background is a soft-focus field of similar cracked earth, with a warm, golden light filtering through, creating a sense of hope and resilience.

May the God of creation, justice, and peace bless us with wisdom to care for the earth, strength to stand for the oppressed, and love to heal the broken. May our actions honor the Creator and bring renewal to all. Amen