Lent week 2

Holy God,
earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change
confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage
to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes, and send us
your Spirit, with wisdom in present
controversies and vision for the future to
which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In 2018, climate activists gathered in
Poland for COP24. As world leaders
wrestled with meeting the carbon
emission targets set in the Paris
Accord, a 15-year-old from Sweden
named Greta made it clear that young
people will be paying the price of
climate change for decades to come.
Jessica Steele, a PWRDF Youth
Council member and climate activist
from British Columbia, represented
PWRDF at COP24. “Throughout the
two weeks, I heard land and water
defenders from local communities
share how climate change is already
affecting them and their cultures.
I heard refugee experts project the
millions of people who are going
to be displaced by climate related
drought and famine.” Yet despite
the testimonies, the progress was
interminably slow, says Steele. To
prevent the devastation of climate
change will require large systemic
changes and “politicians do not seem
to be acknowledging the need for
urgency.”

By participating in COP24, in the ACT
Alliance Youth Community of Practice
(COP), as well as local and diocesan
initiatives, PWRDF’s Youth Council
is committed to sharing knowledge
and opportunities to take action on
climate change, while accompanying a
generation on the frontlines of climate
action.
**Scripture**

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**Prayers**

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**Wonderings**

How do you praise God?

Who inspires you and helps you to see all the shining stars?

**Reflection**

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https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/youth-movement/