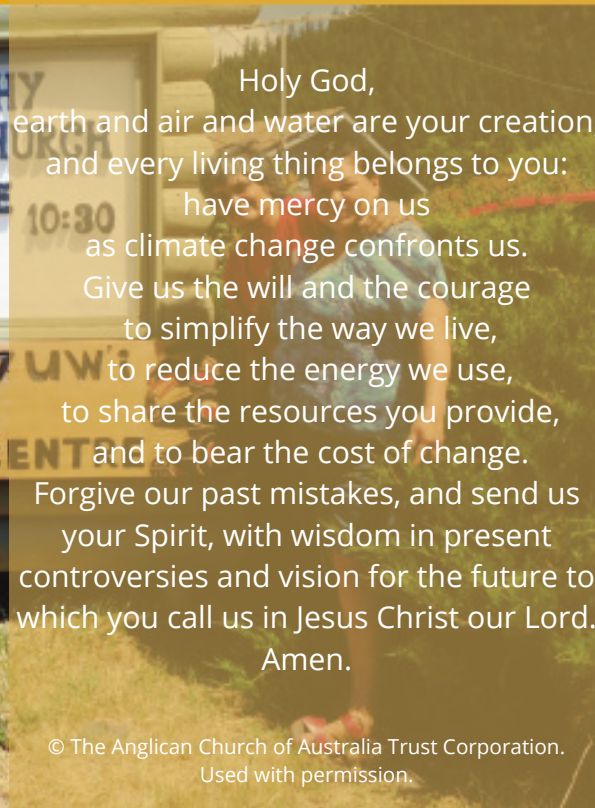




# Indigenous People



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.

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In 100 Mile House, B.C., the Stemetewu'w Friendship Centre at St. Timothy's Anglican Church offers holistic support to all people in a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment. Since 2015, this First Nations centre has hosted elder luncheons, drum making, baking and music workshops and is vital to the wellbeing of the community.

In 2017, a wildfire ripped through 100 Mile House forcing the evacuation of all 2,000 residents. After the wildfires, the centre's monthly dinners doubled in size and attendance at other programs also began to rise. The

coordinator believes this is due to an increased need for support after the stress and trauma of the fire.

"We are proud of how we have been able to respond to community needs in the wake of the wildfires," says the Rev. Dr. Keith Dobyns, a member of the board of directors. "It was the emergency funding that we received from PWRDF that allowed us to continue."

An additional grant funded suicide prevention training workshops with the Canadian Mental Health Association at St. Timothy's and St. Peter's Williams Lake.

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health issues and  
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## Scripture

Romans 1: 20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



## Prayers

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## Wonderings

How do you care for creation?

How can you support others or others support you?

## Reflection

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