

## **A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PLANET AND GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Four religious leaders intimately engaged in Fighting Poverty with Faith during the week of October 14-21 have written this prayer in hope of engaging God's divine help in making our nation a place in which the pursuit of environmentally affirming jobs are also jobs that help those suffering today in the depths of poverty climb out of their place of need.*

Merciful and compassionate God, Divine Architect, Your people and your planet call to you, for both are suffering.

So many of your children cry out for shelter, food, and meaningful work.  
Make us partners, we pray, in your work of caring for all in need.

So much of your Creation groans from the effects of our pollution.  
Make us partners, we pray, in your work of healing the earth.

Help us to create jobs that both honor the needs of your planet as well as those holy souls who have no work,

Please give to those who lead a vision of the day when every person, created in your sacred image, has employment with a living wage.

Give to us gathered here the courage to speak for those without voice, the strength to act on our convictions, the discernment to see the world as you want it to be, and the wisdom to respond together as persons of different faiths.

In these moments with one another, may we feel your presence and together praise your holy name.

Amen