4. The Universe and Divine Providence

We believe in the Omnipotent God, who knows everything and is present everywhere. We believe that nothing is impossible with Him. We believe that God has got the whole world and all things in His hands. He can do everything when we ask. We recall that He had clothed Adam and Eve with animal skin to protect them from adversity their sin created; He made the flood water to recede for the family of Noah; He brought the drought upon Israel to an end at the prayers of Elijah; He made the storm/hurricane over the sea to cease at the intercession of Peter and other Apostles. They were amazed that, “even the winds and the sea obey Him!” (Mat.8:27).

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. How many times have I witnessed the miracle of unexpected sunshine in the middle of rainfall or clear weather that ended a much-forecasted blizzards/snow, etc. He can do all things. Thus, as we talk about looming dangers of climate change, let us not forget God Who has created all things. This does not mean that human beings will not do their part. Again, we are thankful to all thoughtful-leaders who are working on a safe climate for the world.

Nevertheless, we should not neglect an aspect that has been part of human history. We understand that sin creates its own uncertainties. Everything was good and paradisal until Adam and Eve rebelled against God. When they disobeyed God, other things placed under them rebelled against man. One great pollutant and danger to our climate is skyrocketing sinful rebellion against God.

Thus, like all previous generations, who turned unto God confessed and repented of their sins in the face of looming disasters, rather than rely on science and reasoning alone, we have to seek God’s forgiveness also as we seek solutions to the climate change. Like in the cases of the flood of Noah and the drought that Elijah ended, God uses the wind, fire, water, and the land to convey His wrath. He can cause drought and any other climate heaviness to get human attention to the way of Divine Will; and when they turn away from sin and seek His Will, the land/climate is healed (2 Chron.7:14).

Unfortunately, God is not included in the discussions by our world leaders to improve global climate change. We need God’s intervention to save our climate now as he has done throughout history.

Progressive technology is a beautiful blessing AND WE Glorify God, however, if it is not used for the good of mankind, and placed in the hands of greedy and self-serving individuals it can be devastating. For example, some of the satellites that help gather information allow our scientist and doctors to advance human life through medical discovery, agriculture, communication, etc., however, many other satellites are adversarial to human longevity. It is believed that some satellites are serving missions that enhance nuclear weapons, spying and other diabolic intentions. How safe to the climate are some of these satellites from nations or corporations? Human beings do not have
the entire solution because we are limited. Only God knows every secret intention. We at CMD continue to pray.

A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation

God of the universe,
We Thank You for Your many good gifts -
For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,
For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.
Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted
And wasted what You have given us.
Transform our hearts and minds
So that we would learn to care and share,
To touch the earth with gentleness and with love,
Respecting all living things.
We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste,
greed and indifference,
And we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water.
Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species
And help us to willingly share your gifts
Today and always. Amen.
- Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland