



International
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Selected Reflections

I am the forest that is being cut down.
I am the rivers and the air
that are being polluted,
and I am also the person
who cuts down the forest
and pollutes the rivers and the air.
I see myself in all species,
and I see all species in me.

Thich Nhat Hanh,
*Plum Village Chanting
and Recitation Book*

Creator God and Gardener of the world,
Tender of trees, of the field and the grass,
Keeper of forests, woodlands
and wide-open plains,
Fecundity of the waters,
The One who vests our Earth
in its blue breathing veil,

We ask you your blessing on each of us
and upon all who have the power
to change our destructive ways;
We ask your blessing upon our commitment
to preserve life for all humanity
and for the entire Earth Community.

Prayer Service
*Commission for Justice, Peace
and Integrity of Creation*