



Faith in Solar

Prayer Vigil – Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Speaker #1:

Today we offer prayers for a planet that will be sustainable for all people and all creatures, all living beings, whose lives are woven within the Great Mystery of God. Our prayers are with each of those gathered here this evening to show our love for one another, for our state and its people, for God's Creation, and for our children. We pray that we may continue our conversation with Duke Energy and its staff with respect for one another, knowing that we all have a stake in our common future. May truth and wisdom be revealed in that conversation and in the years ahead as we plan for our energy future, but beyond truth and wisdom we ask that our actions and words be expressed with a sense of compassion and love, even in the urgency of our time.

Response: **Hear our Prayers.**

Speaker #2:

We give thanks for the process that allows for dialogue. We pray that in our meetings with Duke Energy officials, that both those who are more and less powerful will be heard, and for a sense of mutuality in the ways we look to the future.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #3:

We offer prayers of gratitude for the technicians, the plant managers, and all those who work every day to keep the lights on in our schools, our buildings, homes and places of worship. Even in the driving snow. We offer prayers for those who are experiencing fear at the thought of transitioning to a new energy system. May new work emerge for those whose jobs may be in transition now and in the future, even as we celebrate the blessing that thousands across NC are already employed by renewable energy efforts.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #4:

We offer gratitude for those who seek compassion and creativity, tirelessly inviting governments, corporations, religious communities, schools and all authority to yield toward the common good. We celebrate those who non-violently seek deep social, economic and ecological transformation. For those who accompany the most vulnerable in our society we are grateful. Holy one, indwell them and us with an unquenchable knowledge of our belovedness.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #5:

We give thanks for our common home: We offer prayers for the incredible beauty of God's creation, especially here in our home state of North Carolina: for the diverse forest canopies swaddling us, the rivers dancing between the ancient mountains, the fields and streams and ocean, and all the remarkable creatures that call this place home, as we do ourselves.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #6:

Even while we celebrate the diversity and beauty of this great mystery, we recognize that the groans of creation are growing louder and we are recognizing suffering in so many ecosystems across the globe, and here in our own state. We see the devastation of wildfires, of hurricanes, of rising temperatures, of drought and flood. We see our birds finding it more difficult to find homes. We hear less and less of the chorus of creatures that have been a part of our lives. We hear the groans of creation growing and we are broken-hearted as you are broken-hearted. Do not let our broken hearts paralyze us. May our common grief stir us toward one another and toward creative action.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #7:

We offer prayers for those who are too young to share their opinion or position on our energy future. For those who are yet to be born into a world that most likely will be ever warming during their lifetime. We offer prayers for those who will sleep without a home tonight. For those thousands who do not know when or if their next meal will come. For those who fear for their lives because of the color of their skin, their religion, sexual orientation, where they live or if their water is contaminated.

Hear our Prayers.

Speaker #8:

We pray for those who are facing illness. For those whose cancer continues to spread, for those children who cannot stray far from an inhaler or those confined to a life sentence of dialysis. We ask for bodies, water and land to be healed from the ailments that plague us.

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Speaker #9:

We seek forgiveness for our complicity in this crisis of climate. For our seeking consumption over kindness, high position over humility, business over relationship, and the hollow and short-sighted answers of violence over the slow sustainable work of compassionate action. May we be stirred to action on behalf of all people and all creatures. We know that whatever we do to the ecosystems, the animals, the earth, we do to ourselves and our children.

Spirit of Hope, we trust that there is a future possible where divisions are unified for a common love. There is a future where economics and ecology do not threaten one another. We inhabit this place where the seeds of non-violence are being sown. May we continue to throw out seeds. May we be Co-conspirators of grace, collaborators with creativity, and partners with hope.

Hear our Prayers.

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