



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 05.24.26

(In Costa Rica last week, we delighted in creation, international community and what Scripture says about God's good world. This is the prayer we used in our Sunday gathering.)

Marvelous Creator of this abundant, transfixing place, increase our awe of the diverse, beautiful and brilliant designs you have fashioned. Open our hearts and minds wide in an attempt to hold the magnitude of your goodness and glory on display here. Stir our spirits to join in the ancient song of all you have made.

The earth is yours and all that is in it; every fluttering leaf, buzzing insect, chirping bird, slithering lizard proclaims your glory. Strip away the callouses that harden, remove the veils that shroud, anything that hinders us from seeing your delight and majesty. Hear and guide our prayers from this corner of the earth that you love.

For A Rocha and each of our amazing hosts, deepen and strengthen their community and connection with the broader area. Cultivate a network that thrives through unity, learning and shared purpose. Funding and partnership. Wisdom for our partnership as well.

For the Virilla River, its watershed, the cloud forest and all of creation that groans and waits for the full redemption you secured on the cross, reveal its longing and joyful hope. Restore order and beauty, balance and health, beauty and sacredness to every corner of the natural world.

For those of us on this journey of creation care, show yourself through the intricacies of creation in a way that both challenges and refreshes us. Create moments of awe and sheer wonder that transform our knowledge and love of you and one another. Anoint us as stewards and caretakers to be your agents of rest and imaginative restoration.

For this inextricably connected web of a world, rule with kindness and mercy. Train your watchful eye on those caught up in the nets of ecological injustice; bring transformation and hope. Inspire innovation and wisdom in leaders, scientists, and citizens to find paths toward restoration and equity.

Amen.