

# FAST *for* CHANGE



## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

### Prayer of Confession

This earth is Yours, O God.  
You created its riches—  
the water, the land, the minerals—  
sufficient resources for all Your children's needs.  
We confess that we are not always good stewards  
of all You have placed in our care.  
Too often we think of ourselves first and only.  
Creator God, forgive us.  
We are short-sighted and selfish with Your gifts,  
squandering today what needs saving for tomorrow;  
hoarding 'ours' instead of sharing what is Yours,  
refusing to use some gifts at all.  
Gracious One, forgive us.  
Fill us with the transforming power of Your love.  
Show us new ways to respond to Your Gospel.  
Challenge and equip us to turn our compassion into action  
for all our Your children who suffer. Amen.

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