A prayer for the land

God of all Creation,

from whose love you spin galaxies,

in whose veins flow vast oceans:

this earth we live on is your hand,

holding us in blessing, feeding us life.

We praise you and we thank you.

Give us gratitude to receive the gift of the land with joy.

Give us humility and vision to know that land is not ours;

that we belong to the land.

Give us wisdom to care for the land

for the generations you yet intend to bless.

Give us compassion to hold the land sacred;

for all your children belong in your land.

Give us a spirit of justice and righteousness,

that we may neither covet nor possess the land

but hold it in freedom and share it with all.

May our public lands be a sign of your Covenant:

that created by your grace,   
your land, and we your people,  
belong to no one, but are freely given to all,

for the blessing and wellbeing of all living beings.

Amen.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes