

EARTH DAY: GOD'S GIFT OF TREES

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Psalms 65

Memory Verse

People far away marvel at your fearsome deeds, and all who live under the sun celebrate and sing because of you.

Psalms 65:9



CASEY'S DAY

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Let's think about trees. How many types of trees can you name in 30 seconds? How many trees can you count from your window? Trees fill an important role in keeping God's creation clean and bright.

Here are just six things that trees do to help us and God's creation live well on earth. First, trees breathe! Trees breathe in the used air we breathe out, and breathe out fresh air for us to breathe in! Second, dead leaves and rotting logs put important nutrients back into the soil. Third, trees provide homes for thousands of different creatures, like birds, insects, and squirrels. Fourth, many trees give people and animals fruit to eat, and many animals and insects eat the leaves, bark, and even the wood from trees. Fifth, trees cool the earth with shade on a hot day! Finally, trees are beautiful.

In today's verse, God reminds us how he takes care of the land and all things that grow. Have you thought about how you can help God care for trees? Hike a trail and see all the amazing trees that God made, smell

their natural fragrance, and hear the rustle of the wind in their leaves. Pick a type of tree native to where you live and plant it in your backyard or in a lightly wooded area. Use less paper and recycle it wisely. If you make something with wood, use just what you need and save your scraps for something else. This way fewer trees will need to be cut down. These are great ways to help God take care of trees.

Prayer

God, thank you for your trees. Please help me to take care of the trees around me. Help me see how I can take care of your creation. Amen.

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