

A LITANY OF SORROW

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United Nations Environmental Sabbath

Worship leader: We have forgotten who we are.

We have forgotten who we are

We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos

We have become estranged from the movements of the earth

We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

We have sought only our own security

We have exploited simply for our own ends

We have distorted our knowledge

We have abused our power.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

Now the land is barren

And the waters are poisoned

And the air is polluted.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

Now the forests are dying

And the creatures are

disappearing

And the humans are despairing.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

We ask forgiveness

We ask for the gift of remembering

We ask for the strength to change.