

ANIMAL SPIRIT PRAYER

God, lover of life
God of beauty, goodness and permanent emotion
God of love and light
God of the broken reed
God of unbounded horizons
and of endless sunrises

God of the oppressed, the thirsty
the persecuted and the nameless
God of tears shed in solitude
God of the lonely and victimised
Creatures, both animal and human
God of Noah's Arc

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
in them as it is in us
Thy kingdom come
to them as it will to us
Thy will be done
in them as it is in us

Give us this day, our daily bread
to them as to us
Let us not be abandoned, overwhelmed
by dark solitude and sadness
neither them nor us
Dry the eyes of every sufferer
theirs and ours

Give us the peace, the world cannot give us
to them, and to us
Send us people of good will, the bearers of the Gospel
people bringing peace
to them and to us
Unite us in building a better world
for them, as it is for us

And when the day comes
when we breath our last
they and us
Gather us beneath your azure sky
In the land of everlasting sun
on endless meadows of your eternal pasture
them and us

AMEN



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ANIMAL SPIRIT CHURCH REGARDS ANIMALS AS ITS FELLOW CREATURES

To be with us you have neither to share our
opinions nor even to believe our God.

It is enough for you to care for our suffering
brothers and sisters, animals and be willing to
stop their suffering together with us.

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CATECHISM

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THE CHURCH OF SOUL GIVEN BEINGS:
HUMANS AND ANIMALS

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CREDO

I BELIEVE IN GOD TO WHOM SUFFERING OF HUMAN AS WELL AS ANIMAL BEING GIVES EQUAL PAIN.

I BELIEVE IN GOD WHO WAS BORN TO THE WORLD TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO FREE THE ANIMALS AND HUMAN BEINGS FROM THE INFLUENCE OF EVIL.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, WHOSE WORK OF REDEMPTION CONCERNS CONSISTENTLY THE ONES AS WELL AS THE OTHERS.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, WHOSE WORDS: „IN SO FAR AS YOU NEGLECTED TO DO THIS TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU NEGLECTED TO DO IT TO ME”, INVOLVE HUMANS AS WELL AS ANIMALS.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, WHO, DRIVEN BY DIVINE EMPATHY AND LOVE, WOULD NEVER ACCEPT EXISTING STATE OF BEING. THE WORLD IN WHICH THE SUFFERING IS BEING INFLICTED ON DEFENSELESS, ANIMALS.



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I AM A MEMBER OF ASC BECAUSE I AM CONVINCED AND I BELIEVE THAT:

- Animals possess souls.
- Not only humans reflect the image of God, but so do other creatures brought by Him to life.
- Animal have been created by the same loving hand of God as humans. They are creatures able to feel, having the identical soul as humans. They are neither our possessions, nor things but separate individuals. They have the same element of life, personality and emotions.
- Nothing belongs to the human. The human's role in God's work of creation is, according to Bible, only of a caretaker and an administrator, not the owner. He has only to take care of the whole creation. This applies to other humans, animals and the whole nature (ecology).
- The human will have to take responsibility for cruelty against animals before God.
- Religious notion of sin cannot elude human attitude to animals.
- Animal have the same inalienable right to legal protection, right to live in freedom and happiness. Cruelty and pain done to animals must be treated with equal ethic severity and legal consequence as cruelty and pain done to humans.
- A prayer for animals has the equal meaning and power as prayer for humans.
- Godly Peace among people cannot exist in the world without their peaceful coexistence with animals. Never can be peace in the world and in anyone's mind if humans would harm animals.
- Engagement in animal rights movements must be perceived as equal to engagement in movements against human suffering. They are both moral obligations of a good christian.

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- Celebrating christian holidays should be held in favor of life and light, Therefore it is unchristian, unacceptable and unpleasant to God to celebrate them at the cost of suffering and death of animals.
- Concern about the animals, taking care of them and protecting their rights are essential to achieve full humanity.
- One cannot talk about kindness to animals, invoking traditions of Catholic saints like Philip Nereus and Francis of Assisi (CCC 2416) and at the same time legalize using animals as food, material for producing garments, for medical or scientific experiments or human entertainment (CCC 2417 and 2418).
- Animals can teach humans about God.
- My life is equally important as animal's life.

ASC INTERPRETATIONS

Jesus' caution: „In so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me” (Mt 45,4) concerns with equal power and moral consequence humans and animals.

Biblical summoning humans to rule the world, also animal world and making it ‚subdue’ (Genesis 1,28) must be understood and interpreted only in according to redemptive intention of God, main Author of the Bible, himself. And how God imagines ‚ruling’ the world, one can see in the story of His beloved Son (Jesus of Nazareth), also God who ‚came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many’ (Mt 20,28).