



*Loving Creation: Christian Spirituality, Earth-Centered and Just*  
By Kathleen Fischer

Filled with stories and practical suggestions, *Loving Creation* will serve as a handbook for prayer, guiding its readers to a broader vision of Christian maturity and a solid hope in the Spirit's power to shape us into the people we are meant to be. It builds on the ecological thinking of recent decades, while taking a fresh look at key areas of an Earth-centered spirituality: emotion, imagination, wonder, desire, asceticism, and legacy. The book also suggests ways to incorporate greater ecological awareness into classical spiritual practices.

**Introduction:**

The following questions were selected from the book to help you in continuing your reflection on our conversation with Kathleen Fischer on her book and its impact to us as Spiritual Directors facing a world in need that is looking for answers. Please use this question as a guide for your reflection individually or to start a dialogue as a group. Remember that you will be able to hear a recording of the interview the after the meeting at the following web page:

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**Reflection Questions:**

1. Where and when in nature have I felt the presence of God?
2. How does my love for God's creation manifest in my daily life?
3. What are three things that I can do to honor non-human living beings in our world?
4. What prayers, Psalms or scripture readings speak deeply to me of God's presence in our created world?
5. How can I help foster a love and respect for creation in those I accompany in spiritual direction?

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