

A Call for Wilderness Stewardship from St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center



There are places in Utah that because of their beauty or their ability to inspire and reveal the hand of their Creator need to be protected. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy themselves as much as I have.

Wes Keller

The land has been here for all time – and should remain for all time – visited by man, but untouched or unspoiled. The wild lands are God’s gift to us, to experience for a moment the vastness of eternity, the joy, the awe. “Be still, and know that I am God.”

Rose Ann Milano

The beauty and awesome magnificence of His Creation and my being allowed to live and share in it helps me to feel blessed in so many ways.

Roland Allen

Wilderness – a place in any season to connect me with my soul, to feel the presence of the great Creator in the experience we call life. It fills me up, restores and rejuvenates and allows me to go back to the mundane until I can encounter wilderness again.

Nancy Dietzler

“Mountains and Plains, bless the Lord,
Water and wind, bless the Lord,
Wild animals and birds, bless the Lord,
Every living creature, bless the Lord . . .”

The entire creation proclaims the goodness of God.
Reverend Langes James Silva

Being alert, grateful, receptive, responsive and responsible to creation in life’s journey of peace.
Marilyn Bown

We wander through life but in the end we are again at the beginning as One in awe.
David Smith

I look through a window of creation and see God’s glorious love for all humankind . . . for me. “Be at peace,” He says. “My love is all you need.” I take his words home with me and try to remember.
Patti Allen

Peace that surpasses understanding.
Millie Fletcher

Respect God’s Creation.
Henry Laczowski

My soul and spirit are nourished by the wilderness. I need the wild, open, undeveloped spaces in order to breathe. We must preserve and protect the land for ourselves and for future generations.
Anne Riordan-Vergobbi

The land took care of us for billions of years. It is the reason we are here. Now it’s our turn to take care of it. It is nourishment, joy, beauty and peace. Now it’s our turn.
Clare Vergobbi

The Lord gave us this beautiful creation to use, enjoy and steward. May we be proper stewards in preserving this beauty and peace for generations to come. Wilderness renews and refreshes.
Mickey Adelhardt

We are looking at and standing in the gut of God. He is all around. We are looking at him but he is so vast. We see him.
Vicki Turner

“I lift my eyes to the mountains, from thence shall come my help.”
The psalms are filled with prayerful references to God’s beautiful creation. They speak powerfully to me – as does the beauty of our natural surroundings. Let us never lose sight of the gift that nature is to all of God’s people and to all ages.
Maxine Kaiser

God created the world to last until the end of time. I must see that it does.
Loretta C. Nikolai

The wilderness we enjoy shows us the beauty of God's creation. We are refreshed by its beauty and serenity. We should, no we must, preserve it for all future generations to enjoy and experience!

Lawrence Dietzler

"Be still and know that I am God."

Oh, how we feel His presence in these beautiful wild places.

Jean Keller

Beauty engulfs the soul. The river brings tears, laughter, tranquility, wonder and awe. A chance to be one with God!

Lori Nickerson

Wilderness is the most pure form of the unexplored aspects of life that God created for us. When in the wild, I feel like I'm asleep because of the quiet, peaceful, and breathtaking surroundings. Wilderness allows us to experience this world in its purest form, as God intended it to be.

Andrew Nickerson

We find what is truly amazing when we look past technology and materialistic things and focus in on what has been here all along. Nature.

Angie Nickerson

I think wilderness is like a city. Bugs as people, trees like skyscrapers as far as the eye can see. In the wilderness everything is like us, facing challenges wherever you are. If you imagine yourself in the wilderness as a bug it wouldn't be that different. I think wilderness is life that God created for plants, bugs, animals and us.

Tony Nickerson

Life slips by quickly. We are head captive by deadlines, projected goals and electronic screens. Getting away, we recharge. Whether snowy mountains, sandy beaches, sunny deserts or quiet lakes – we all have our favorite places. Can you say you do it enough?

Nate Nickerson