God valued creation before and after he made us. Creation is an expression of God’s goodness and witness to Him, and not only for human use. The whole of creation praises and glorifies God our Creator.

Supporting scripture -
Genesis 1:4-25 | Job 12:7-9 | Acts 14:17; 17:27

'We shouldn’t exclude prosperity but it’s important to remember that looking after the earth is part of our holistic prosperity.'

Rev Delroy Henry, New Testament Church of God
God placed humans in a community of interconnected relationships. Creation is life-centred and all living beings are sustained by God.

‘In Nigerian Igbo language, God is called Chineke meaning “God of creation; God the creator.” There is an inclination that the earth belongs to the Lord and we must be good stewards of our creator’s land as also stated in Psalm 24.’

Rev Marcus Chilaka, RCCG Living Water Parish

Supporting scripture - Gen 1:30 2:7 | Gen 7:15
Our kinship with nature

God gave humans a unique role to care for creation, as stewards who ‘look after’, ‘serve’ and ‘keep’ it, while enjoying creation’s provision for human livelihoods. The land itself is not to be worshipped as a deity; it produces the offerings of God.

The first thing God sanctified was time (Gen 2:3). Humans have the responsibility of safeguarding the Sabbath principle not only for themselves, but also for creation itself, to rest and experience renewal.

‘Not by my will but the will of the Lord (Mark 14:36) comes to mind. We need to consider preservation and God’s earth as part of God’s will for his glory’.

The Venerable Rosemarie Mallet Arch Deacon of Croydon for Diocese of Southwark

Supporting scripture -
Gen 2:15 | Gen 1:29-30 | Deut 7:25
A ‘prophetic voice’ beyond stewardship

Christ came to challenge authority with his gospel, to speak against any form of injustice and to protect the vulnerable, poor and the oppressed. God has called us to use our prophetic voice to hold to account the powers’ of ecological and social exploitation. A prophetic voice speaks with moral courage to effect change, and assures people and the oppressed that justice will prevail.

‘Let’s stand together on Psalm 143:10 to speak up for brothers and sisters affected by flooding, drought and pollution.’

Rev Wale Hudson Baptist Union Lead on Justice

Supporting scripture -
1Kings 21 | Isaiah 1:16-17 | Isaiah 29:19-20 | Gen 12:1
Climate justice involves all of us. Because our survival is at stake, it should be amongst the most urgent theological issues for our action and meditation. Inaction could result in a life or death situation for our brothers and sisters suffering in our home countries and indeed other areas in the global South. It has to be at the top of our agenda.

In Romans, Paul suggests that creation itself is groaning and needs redemption. God has an eternal purpose for creation, and it is our role as humans to take climate action as part of His transforming mission.

Dr David Muir, Senior Lecturer of Ministerial Theology

Supporting scripture -

Gen 1:1 | Rev 21:1-5 | Colossians 1:16-17, 20 | Ephesians 1:10