

- **Our Earth,** the humus of which we take our basic substance from and which nurtures us...

- **Our Earth** whose minerals were in a distant past along with their sister planets, cosmic dust produced in those prodigious stellar explosions that we call Supernovae...

- **Our Earth** that in our recklessness or for greed, we mismanage, pollute, destroy your ecosystems, brutalize...

- **Our Earth** on the surface of which some powerful iniquitous states oppress, imprison, deport, and abuse some of their inhabitants for their ethnicity, color, gender, religion...



We salute you on your special Day and ask forgiveness for the multi-pronged aggression some Faustian dwarves living on your delicate biosphere are inflicting on you, hoping that you will be even stronger and more resilient than we thought you be... Ameen.

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