For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Ash Wednesday
The Blessing of Earth

“...you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
Genesis 3:19

The words of the old Ash Wednesday Liturgy reinforce our connectedness to all of creation. We stand on earth, solid and comforting. Our paths in life lead us across the beauty of earth’s bounty – our forests and fields, our gardens and footpaths, our mountains and landscapes.

This Lent let’s take time to nurture our Earth, to lighten our footprints, to re-create and renew our links to all of creation and to appreciate the abundant and eternal blessings of Earth.

When the ages of ice came
And sealed the earth inside
An endless coma of cold,
The heart of the earth held hope,
Storing fragments of memory,
Ready for the return of the sun.

Let us thank the Earth
That offers ground for home
And holds feet firm
To walk in space open
To infinite galaxies.

(Excerpt from In Praise of Earth John O’Donohue, Benedictus, p102)

Lenten Blessings... love, life, re-creation