

## Reflection Friday Week 12 – 2021

*“If you want to you can cure me?” “Of course, I want to!”* said Jesus. This has been the dialogue with God, taken up by Jesus, down through the ages. Abram appealed to God so that his lineage would continue and God gave him Isaac, creating a new relationship with God who gave him the name Abraham. In Hebrew, Abram is derived from ***exalted father*** while Abraham comes from the Hebrew meaning ***father of many***. Abraham was the first patriarch and became the father of many just as God predicted.

As the stewards of creation, we are called to bring healing to a world in so much need of our care and sustenance. Let us begin by being less wasteful:

### **An End to Waste**

Let us pray for an end to the  
waste and desecration of God's creation;  
for access to the fruits of creation  
to be shared equally among all people,  
and for communities and nations to find sustenance  
in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it  
into our care so that, in obedience to you,  
we might serve all people:  
Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom,  
and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all;  
that, trusting in your bounty, all people may be  
empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. Amen.