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We, the Christmas trees, pray to the world's most powerful and most compassionate leaders: Excellencies, Majesties, Honourable Presidents, Nobel laureates, Prime Ministers, Ministers, News & Media Barons, all lives and Merciful Saviors of Planet Earth, as under:

1. *We are your living, pollution fighting soldiers. Your robust ground forces - the firstline of defenses against Carbon dioxide - your enemy. In fact we are **your life sustaining lives**. But, somehow, traditionally, we are felled (sacrificed) very early in life; used for celebrating Christmas and eventually discarded.*

2. *If instead, we are taken indoors in our birth attires (as potted plants), we will cast a unique life to your Christmas celebrations. Sure enough, as lush green coniferous trees, decorated with Christmas lights, colorful ornaments and angels / stars atop, we as gorgeous living entities will keep the indoor air fresh, oxygenated, fragranced and lively.*

3. *Planted anywhere outside, after the ceremonies, with little protection we would live on our own for centuries as producers of oxygen, moppers of greenhouse gases/pollution; rain harvesters and re-chargers of ground water; wombs of springs/ lakes/ rivers; consolidators of soil and boosters of soil-productivity; preventers of floods/water-scarcity/drought; facilitators of health/ happiness /prosperity, and much more...*

4. *Today, we have been accepted not only by Christians but by people of several other faiths. Christmas has become a popular late-December festival, the world over. Our prayer if acceded to, would, mean saving millions of our fraternity from being axed, yearly, world wide. This merciful gesture would not only **save you from the act of sacrificing a life giving life, but mean destruction of thousands of tons of carbon***

dioxide (CO₂), yearly, from planet Earth for keeping your people healthy and wealthy.

5. We and our fraternity of trees are the world's greatest Carbon Banks and producers of oxygen. We collect carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere, lock, convert and deposit it in the form of wood, bark, roots and leaf. While building up our carbon capital, we produce life sustaining oxygen, water, food security (life sustaining assets of people in flesh and blood), and various services, as interest on your Carbon deposits! We flow these services uninterrupted into the environment, without you even recognizing and reckoning them in the GDP - your holy grail.

One half of our dry weight is Carbon. One ton of our body mass (wood) locks (sequesters) about 1.63 tons of CO₂, generates about 1.19 tons of life sustaining oxygen. Every one of you needs about twice as much oxygen as food by weight. Due to this unique relationship, your metabolism is hugely dependent on us. Breathing polluted, oxygen depleted/deficient air, unavoidably, is the main cause of nearly 90% of human heart, lung, cancer and other diseases.

6. The value of the environmental services provided by one of us based on the research findings of the United States' Department of Agriculture (USDA) (vide Pamphlet #R1-92-100) is about \$ 162, 000 over a 50 years span. This amount is just for four of our services, viz., oxygen production, mopping air pollution, recycling water, and controlling soil erosion. It works out roughly to \$ 3, 000 per tree, per year. If our air conditioning, temperature moderating, soil building, intrinsic beautifying, spiritual, cultural, and rejuvenative values are included, this amount would be much higher.

7. Be aware of artificial Christmas trees resembling our pinups: Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, deodar and other conifers, that are made of synthetic polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or other plastics, requiring petroleum and other highly polluting inputs for their manufacture. Their use means importing non degradable substances and even lead and promoting pollution in China. We, the natural living Christmas trees require simple, indigenous techniques to raise and generate green jobs and income at your people's door steps.

8. Indeed, this can be your greatest glorious, historic Christmas and New Year's gift to your people and their unborn generations. We know the value of TIME. For, many of us are living witnesses to the appearances of myriads of mighty men and women, who played their innings, but faded in the grim pages of History. Time and tide wait for none. So grab your lifetime's chance of making the world greener by celebrating Christmas with us alive. Pragmatically, growing and protecting each one of us for vital services worth more than \$ 3, 000, every year, for your people's vital needs of air, water, food, health,

wellness and a better life, on a daily basis, is a simple gift that will create a lifelong place in their hearts.

We are deeply indebted to you for kindly reading our prayer and letting us live and permitting us to be in your people, worldwide.

With profoundest regards,

Ever in your people's Service

Christmas Trees – Life Sustaining Lives

Petitioner For and of behalf of Christmas Trees

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"Save Trees - Life Sustaining Lives"

"Tree means water, water means bread, and bread is life"