

Strive to be faithful to that to which God has called you.

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Our Prayer

For our Earth

For all Creation



The Earth Cries Out:

1. Plastics have been found in the blood of 17 of 22 persons tested in the US. (Smithsonian)

We hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor.

2. More than 785 million people worldwide lack basic water services; 884 million do not have safe drinking water. (CDC)

We hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor.

3. Experts estimate that between 200 and 2000 species will go extinct each year. (WWF)

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4. Levels of trust in the US, in our institutions our politics and one another are in precipitous decline. (David Brooks NYT)

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5. Each day inequality contributes to the death of approximately 1 person every 4 seconds. (Oxfam)

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6. Reacting to the latest findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the UN Secretary-General insisted that unless governments everywhere reassess their energy policies, the world will be uninhabitable. (UN 4/22)

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Song and Reflection: Karliene- Mother Earth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=calo1UGSDgw>

Reading from Laudato Si

Since everything is closely interrelated, and today's problems call for a vision capable of taking into account every aspect of the global crisis, I suggest that we now consider some elements of an *integral ecology*, one which clearly respects its human and social dimensions...An integral ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good, a central and unifying principle of social ethics. The common good is "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment". (Laudato Si Chap 4)

Petitions:

Loving God of all creation, we pray

...Grant us the grace to respect and care for creation, all creatures and humankind

...Strengthen our resolve as we pray for those who are thirsty. Purify, protect, and multiply the clean water sources

...Move us forward with recycling, with the proper use of chemicals and the disposal of toxic waste

...Help us to promote clean energy and thus, prevent global warming

...Encourage and support us in our struggle for justice, for love and for peace.

Prayer for our land

Loving God, who is present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures, You who surround with your tenderness all that exists, pour the strength of your love into us so that we take care of life and beauty. Flood us with peace, so that we live as brothers and sisters without harming anyone.

O God of the poor, heal us, so that we protect the world and not plunder it, so that we sow beauty and not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who seek only advantages at the expense of the poor and of the earth. Teach all to discover the value of everything, to contemplate with amazement, to recognize that we are deeply united with all creatures on our way to your infinite light.

Thank you because you are with us every day. Please support us in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

(Pope Francis, adapted)