

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Caring for our common home!

We invite you to take part in the 3rd Edition of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which takes place on September 1st. This day was introduced by pope Francis on August 6th, 2015.

According to Pope Francis, “The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

We propose you the following elements for this special day.

For the morning prayer :

Text of reflexion: Laudato Si n°97

“The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things ...”

Appreciating the beauty of creation is a powerful force to deepen our relationship with God and to inspire commitment to caring for our common home.

Invitation of the Day:

Discover the beauty of creation which surrounds you! - Where and how?

For the eucharistic celebration :

Reading 1 Th 4, 1-8:

“This is the will of God, your holiness”

Let us live holiness within our religious family and be inspired by Laudato Si n°213

“In the family, we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures. In the family, we receive an integral education, which enables us to grow harmoniously in personal maturity. In the family, we learn to ask without demanding, to say “thank you” as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressivity and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings.”

For the evening prayer :

Take a moment for sharing the beauty of creation you have experienced during the day!

Pray together the « Prayer for our Earth »: Laudato Si n° 246

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Other interesting information :

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/resources/>

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/beauty-of-creation/>

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