

## WHOLE EARTH BLESSING

"May the deep blessings of Earth be with us.  
May the fathomless soundings of seas surge in our soul.  
May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths  
to open us to wonder  
to strengthen us for love  
to humble us with gratitude  
that we may find ourselves in one another  
that we may lose ourselves in gladness  
that we give ourselves to peace."

-John Philip Newell, Praying With the Earth  
(Eerdmans: Michigan) 44.



## HEALING THE EARTH

"There is no difference between  
healing your body and healing the Earth  
or helping another to heal.  
It is all the same Body.  
There is no difference between  
healing Earth's body and healing your own  
or helping another to heal.  
We are all the One Body.  
Begin anywhere.  
Begin with one tree, or a bird.  
Begin with your own heart or skin, clean out your liver,  
clear your mind.  
Begin with the growth of a child, your family's food.  
Then continue to include one small part of the time.  
You will be healing the Whole."

-Alla Renee Bozarth, The Book of Bliss



**Laudato Si and Integral Ecological  
Conversion Resources  
Compiled for Parishes and Schools of the  
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Center for Mission**

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## NOTABLE QUOTES FROM LAUDATO SI'

- ⇒ If we approach nature and the environment without...openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. If we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. (#11)
- ⇒ All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (#14)
- ⇒ We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (#49)
- ⇒ The entire material universe speaks of God's love and boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. (#84)
- ⇒ We are faced with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature. (#139)
- ⇒ Global consensus could lead to planning a sustainable and diversified agriculture, developing renewable and less polluting forms of energy, better management of marine and forest resources, and ensuring universal access to drinking water. (#164)
- ⇒ Society, through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls... (#179)
- ⇒ Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. (#202)
- ⇒ When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us. (#231)

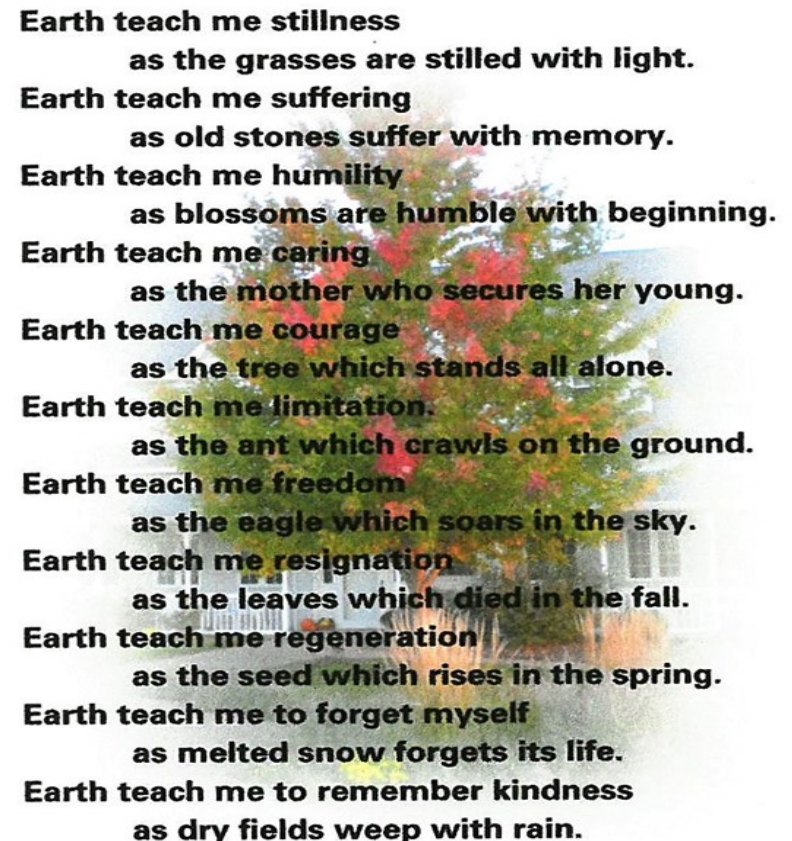
## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS (CONTINUED...)

### WATER

**Reader:** Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity, (*Laudato Si'* 30).

**Leader:** Breathe again deeply, taking in molecules of water that have also passed through the bodies of all breathing creatures. Be grateful for the gift of water and resolve to use it with reverence and justice.

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.



**Earth teach me stillness**  
as the grasses are stilled with light.

**Earth teach me suffering**  
as old stones suffer with memory.

**Earth teach me humility**  
as blossoms are humble with beginning.

**Earth teach me caring**  
as the mother who secures her young.

**Earth teach me courage**  
as the tree which stands all alone.

**Earth teach me limitation.**  
as the ant which crawls on the ground.

**Earth teach me freedom**  
as the eagle which soars in the sky.

**Earth teach me resignation**  
as the leaves which died in the fall.

**Earth teach me regeneration**  
as the seed which rises in the spring.

**Earth teach me to forget myself**  
as melted snow forgets its life.

**Earth teach me to remember kindness**  
as dry fields weep with rain.

**Ute Prayer**

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

### EARTH

**Reader:** The entire material universe speaks of God's love, God's boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves, (*Laudato Si'*, 84).

**Leader:** In silence, press your feet into the ground. Become aware of the earth beneath your feet. Marvel and be grateful for the nourishment you receive from "our mother, sister Earth."

### AIR

**Reader:** The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters....The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth, (*Laudato Si'*, 2,21).

**Leader:** Become conscious of your breathing. Be grateful for the gift of air and resolve to use your voice to advocate for the purity of Earth's atmosphere.

### FIRE

**Reader:** Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades...Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded, (*Laudato Si'* 25)

**Leader:** Open and close your hands, aware that our ability to do so is fueled by the sun's energy that is captured by the plant life that we eat. Rejoice in the energy of the sun and resolve to use your energy to face climate change, one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.

## Laudato Si' Study Guides

- \* **NCR's Laudato Si Reader's Study Guide:** <http://bit.ly/1SY3L3z>
- \* **Laudato Si' Movement** (many resources from around the world) <https://laudatosimovement.org/>
- \* **At home in Creation Series of reflections in NCR**  
<https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/earthbeat/at-home-in-creation/stories>
- \* **Laudato Si' Study & Action Guide**  
[columbancenter.org](http://columbancenter.org)
- \* **Summary of Laudato Si'**  
[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- \* **What Laudato Si' is really about**  
[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)
- \* **Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home**  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- \* **Laudato Si' Study Guides**  
<https://www.sbdioocese.org/LaudatoSi/StudyGuides.html>
- \* **Minnesota, Our Common Home**  
*Minnesota, Our Common Home - Minnesota Catholic Conference* ([mncatholic.org](http://mncatholic.org))
- \* **On Care for Our Common Home, Group Reading Guide** by Bill Huebsch <http://www.twentythirdpublications.com>
- \* **Journeying Towards Care for Our Common Home Five Years after Laudato Si'** [www.libreriaeditricevaticana.va](http://www.libreriaeditricevaticana.va)
- \* **Homily Helps—Appears monthly**  
<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/?tid=14>



## Season of Creation Materials

- ♦ **September 1-October 4 annually**  
*2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf* ([seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org))
- ♦ **Catholic Charities USA** <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/story/washington-archdiocese-offers-practical-steps-for-caring-for-creation/>
- ♦ **Catholic Climate Covenant.org** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/news/catholic-groups-launch-national-campaign-encourage-care-creation-climate-conference>
- ♦ **Ignatian Solidarity** <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Season-of-Creation-Habit-Guide.pdf>



## Laudato Si' Conference Videos or Earth Inspirational Prayer Videos

- ⇒ **Catholic Action Team: Call to Action to Care for Our Common Home, May 15, 2021 Conference** [https://docs.google.com/document/d/15gt0-OL9le7dq3z\\_tUrpzPV-MQPXIEDy/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15gt0-OL9le7dq3z_tUrpzPV-MQPXIEDy/edit)
- ⇒ **Catholic Climate Covenant and Creighton University Laudato Si' Conference, July 13-15, 2021** (Conference Audios and action steps to follow) *Resources | Catholic Climate Covenant* . Also posted on *Catholic Climate Covenant You Tube*: #LSUS21
- ⇒ **CAFOD Laudato Si' Animation** <https://youtu.be/o3Lz7dmn1eM>
- ⇒ **Laudato Si' A Canadian Response** [https://youtu.be/Bti86O\\_Tw5A](https://youtu.be/Bti86O_Tw5A)
- ⇒ **A Prayer for Our Earth Laudato Si** <https://youtu.be/uSDFiqs1Fpk>
- ⇒ **God's Gift of the Earth: A photo Prayer** [https://youtu.be/3IR18lqm\\_I0](https://youtu.be/3IR18lqm_I0)
- ⇒ **Be Still and Know that I am God (Nature and Earth's Beauty)** <https://youtu.be/4Bx7exmRqtY>

## Ecological Conversion Retreat Resources

- ◇ **Source for Minnesota Red Clay: Minnesota Clay Co: Stoneware, Iron Range, wet clay** <https://www.mnclay.com/Index.aspx?Action=>
- ◇ **Clay Cutter** (It has two wooden handles with a wire, which is handy but not necessary to slice the clay into chunks)
- ◇ **Seed Papers Of The Earth** [https://www.custompaper.com/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMluYrJhbD88glVh5WzCh38dg3LEAAYASAAEgIrWPD\\_BwE](https://www.custompaper.com/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMluYrJhbD88glVh5WzCh38dg3LEAAYASAAEgIrWPD_BwE)
- ◇ **Creation's Story Markers, Rope and Paper:** Contact Sr. Kathleen Storms to use the set or easy directions to make your own: [kstorms@ssndcp.org](mailto:kstorms@ssndcp.org)

## OPEN OUR EYES

Lord God of all,  
you made the earth and saw that it was good,  
but like robbers we have stripped it of its treasure.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Now the earth cries out  
and your people hunger and thirst.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Open our eyes to see the pain of your creation  
and move us with compassion for your world.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Lead us to act as neighbours,  
who do not pass by on the other side.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**

So that together we may care for all that you have made  
and with all creation sing your praise.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



## PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

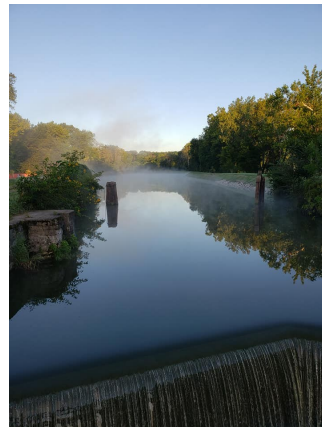
Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us  
for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life  
affects our neighbours.  
Inspire us  
to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish.  
Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Prayer-for-our-world>

### Praised Be

A prayer inspired by the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si'

Living God, have mercy on us,  
for the times we forget that we belong to each other.  
You call us to be still,  
to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind,  
to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun,  
and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.  
Renew us in your healing love.  
Inspire us to water the earth,  
and nurture one another,  
so all may flourish.  
Together, as one family,  
may we always sing your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD



## ANNUAL DAYS TO HONOR CREATION

- **Four Ember Days** [https://www.calendar-12.com/Catholic\\_holidays/2021](https://www.calendar-12.com/Catholic_holidays/2021)

**Spring:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Ash Wednesday, to give thanks for the rebirth of nature and for the gift of light (usually flowers are offered at this time).

**Summer:** Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Pentecost, to give thanks for the wheat crop.

**Fall:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Feast of the Holy Cross (September 14), to give thanks for the grape harvest.

**Winter:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Feast of St. Lucy (December 13), during the third week of Advent, to give thanks for the olive crop.

- **Lenten /Spring Ember Days** – February 24, 26, 27
- **Summer Ember Days** – May 26, 28, 29
- **Fall Ember Days:** September 15, 17, and 18
- **Advent Ember Days:** December 15, 17, and 18

- **Lent, Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022 to Saturday, April 16, 2022)** Forty Day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving ending with Easter. It is a springtime season of renewal and conversion.

- **Earth's Seasons - Equinoxes and Solstices - 2021-2025**  
<https://www.weather.gov/media/ind/seasons.pdf>

- **April 22 Earth Day** <https://www.earthday.org>
- **April 25 Rogation Days—prayer and fasting to bless the fields at spring planting**  
<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/rogation-days>
- **June 5 World Environment Day** United Nations principle day to address environment issues annually.  
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>
- **July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Memorial, Patroness of the environment and Native Americans** <https://www.katerishrine.com>
- **September 17 St Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church, mystic, healer.** She wrote theological, botanical, and medicinal texts, as well as letters, hymns and antiphons for the liturgy and poems,  
*St. Hildegard of Bingen - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online*

- **Season of Creation, September 1– October 4:** (*new resources annually*): [seasonofcreation.org/](http://seasonofcreation.org/)
  - **October 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** Patron Saint of Animals, Merchants & Ecology
  - **October 12 Columbus Day and/or Indigenous Peoples' Day**  
Second Monday in October is a holiday honoring Christopher Columbus coming to America. It also honor the Native people of America, many who were violently treated and massacred. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in place of Columbus Day or alongside it.
  - **Thanksgiving Day in the US** (Fourth Thursday of November)  
In 1621 the Plymouth colonists and the **Wampanoag Indians** shared an autumn harvest feast which is now known as the first Thanksgiving. Native Americans on the other hand celebrate thanksgiving continually. Thanksgiving day for them is a day of genocide and massacre. <https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/>
  - **Advent, 2021** Advent begins on Sunday, November 28, 2021 and ends on Friday, December 24, 2021. Advent is traditionally celebrated to honor the waiting for the birth of Jesus. The Second Coming of Christ is anticipated as well. It is a joyful season of prayer and waiting. Northern Europeans would mark Advent as the end of harvest with the hanging of the Wheels (Advent Wreath) and honoring the slower paced winter month of waiting in hope. [catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent...](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent...)
- December 25 Christmas Day** A celebration of Christ's birth 2000 years ago and anticipates the second coming of Christ. The responsorial antiphon: "**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God**" connects the readings from Isaiah and the Gospel of John, "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being." Christmas is truly the celebration of all creation!

*Add your own days to celebrate Earth's creation...*

## Prayer for the Feast of St. Kateri (July 14)

Kateri, you know the wisdom  
The Lakota people articulated:  
"We are all related."  
You know the Great Creator circled  
Your people and the new arrivals both.  
You know you, too, were called  
To taste the Bread of Life.  
You came to the table with a spirit  
Deepened by encounter.  
In a time when your Native people  
Still long for a recognition of their dignity,  
For a way out of poverty and despair,  
Help us see them as our relatives.  
Intercede for us all so we recognize  
Our connections, as we recognize  
The sun rises for all of us each day. AMEN.





## ORGANIZATIONS/PUBLICATIONS THAT CARE FOR EARTH

- ⇒ **Catholic Climate Covenant:** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>
- ⇒ **Catholic Rural Life Study Guide** <https://catholicrurallife.org/resources/education-and-action/faith-based-study-guide-on-climate-change/>
- ⇒ **Citizens Climate Lobby:** <https://community.citizensclimate.org/home>
- ⇒ **Creation Care Teams** [catholicclimatecovenant.org/partners/creation\\_care\\_teams](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/partners/creation_care_teams)
- ⇒ **Going to Mars:** <http://quantumeditions.com/departingearthforever/>
- ⇒ **Land Stewardship Project:** fosters an ethic of stewardship for farmland, promotes sustainable agriculture and sustainable communities: <https://landstewardshipproject.org>
- ⇒ **Laudato Si' Movement:** [www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/laudato-si-movement/](http://www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/laudato-si-movement/)
- ⇒ **Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:** <https://www.mnopl.org/>
- ⇒ **USCCB Environmental Justice** <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/> and <https://www.usccb.org/resources/global-climate-change-plea-dialogue-prudence-common-good>
- ⇒ **YES Magazine:** <https://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/solving-plastic>

## EARTH CONNECTION BOOKS

- \* **Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love**, Elizabeth A. Johnson, Bloomsbury Continuum: 2014.
- \* **Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy for a Living Earth.** Korten, David C. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2015.
- \* **Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work/or Change**, Antal, Jim. . R Rowman and Littlefield Publishing, 2018.
- \* **Listening for the Heartbeat of God**, J. Philip Newell, Paulist Press, 1997.
- \* **The Eight Master Lessons of Nature**, What Nature Teaches us about Living Well in the World, Gary Ferguson, Dutton, 2019.
- \* **There Is No Planet B: A Handbook/or the Make or Break Years.** Bemers-Lee, Mike. Cambridge, 2019.

## LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM GOALS



1. **Respond to the Cry of the Earth** (greater use of clean renewable energy and reducing fossil fuels; achieve carbon neutrality, protect and promote biodiversity, guaranteeing access to clean water for all)
2. **Respond to the Cry of the Poor** (defense of human life from conception to death and all forms of life on Earth, with special attention to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, migrants, children at risk through slavery, etc.)
3. **Ecological Economics** (sustainable production, Fair-Trade, ethical consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any economic activity harmful to the planet and the people, investment in renewable energy, etc.)

4. **Adoption of Simple Lifestyles** (sobriety in the use of resources and energy, avoid single-use plastic, adopt a more plant-based diet) and reduced meat consumption, greater use of public transport and avoid polluting modes of transportation, etc.)
5. **Ecological Education** (re-think and re-design educational curricula and educational institution reform in the spirit of integral ecology to create ecological awareness and action, promoting the ecological vocation of young people, teachers and leaders of education, etc.)
6. **Ecological Spirituality** (recover a religious vision of God's creation, encourage greater contact with the natural world in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude, promote creation-centered liturgical celebrations,, develop ecological catechesis, prayer, retreats, formation, etc.)
7. **Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action to care for creation at the local, regional, national and international levels** (promote advocacy and people's campaigns, encourage rootedness in local territory and neighborhood ecosystems, etc.)

## RESOURCES WITH A MINNESOTA CONNECTION

- \* **Caring for Creation**– The Evangelicals Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment by Mitch Hescox and Paul Douglas
- \* **America's Climate Century** – What Climate Change Means for America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and What Americans Can Do about it by Senator Robert Hogg (printed 2013; IA State Senator 2007-present)
- \* **Project Drawdown** Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming Edited by Paul Hawken
- \* **Climate Change Musings and Studies** from Lake Superior's North Shore by Katya Gordon
- \* **The Water Will Come**: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Re-making of the Civilized World by Jeff Goodell – Recommended by Karen O'Rourke
- \* **Hope in the Dark** by Rebecca Solnit, recommended by V Stark from Livable Planet MN leaders
- \* **For Love of a River: The Minnesota** by Darby and Geri Nelson and John Hickman [http://reflect-qctv.cablecast.tv/vod/10786-For-Love-of-a-River-Presentation-06-02-2020-High-v1.mp4?fbclid=IwAR3krvY9NYEJncTtaLxQ8oCd4m4KMTL16D3mjaY3\\_ELY5qFhHiJ4syjPGa0](http://reflect-qctv.cablecast.tv/vod/10786-For-Love-of-a-River-Presentation-06-02-2020-High-v1.mp4?fbclid=IwAR3krvY9NYEJncTtaLxQ8oCd4m4KMTL16D3mjaY3_ELY5qFhHiJ4syjPGa0)



## THOSE AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE

- ◇ **Catholic Landholdings:** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/catholic-mapmaker-burhans-wins-national-environmental-award>
- ◇ **Facing The Storm, Indian Tribes, Climate-Induced Weather Extremes, and the Future for Indian Country:** [indianxClimatechange.pdf](https://indianxClimatechange.pdf)
- ◇ **Indigenous Resistance Against Carbon:** <https://www.ienearth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Indigenous-Resistance-Against-Carbon-2021.pdf>
- ◇ **Nearly half of young people worldwide say climate change anxiety is affecting their daily life:** <https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/14/young-people-say-climate-anxiety-is-affecting-their-daily-life>

## OTHER CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

- \* **350.org**
- \* **Earthjustice**
- \* **EcoAmerica**
- \* **Global Catholic Climate Movement**
- \* **Grist**
- \* **Inside Climate News**
- \* **Interfaith Power and Light**
- \* **Natural Resources Defense Council**
- \* **Sierra ClubThe Ecologist**
- \* **Union of Concerned Scientists**
- \* **Yale Environment 360**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS ON THE *LAUDATO SI'* GOALS FOR COMMUNITIES JOINING THE *LAUDATO SI'* ACTION PLAN (FOR THE 7 DAYS OF THE WEEK)

### 1. Response to the Cry of the Earth - Communities and Leaders (Sunday)

Lord of Creation, we pray for all our communities, and especially for our leaders, that we may hear the Cry of the Earth and support clean energy, ensure clean air and water for all, and re-discover our original vocation as co-creators of a healthy planet.

### 2. Response to the Cry of the Poor - Families (Monday)

Lover of the poor, we pray for all families that they may be “the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected.” May we work toward the fullness of life for all, especially those made poor due to neglect or indifference.

### 3. Ecological Economics - Businesses (Tuesday)

Provident God, help us bring “together the different fields of knowledge, including economics, in the service of a more integral and integrating vision”, and create a new economic paradigm that promotes “new models of integral development”.

### 4. Adoption of Simple Lifestyles - Hospitals (Wednesday)

Caring God, we pray that our institutions, especially our hospitals and health care centers, may grow in the capacity to care. May we understand and value how simple gestures and simple lifestyles simply make it possible for others to simply live.

### 5. Ecological Education - Educational Institutions (Thursday)

God of Knowledge and Virtue, assist us to “grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.” May our educational institutions help to restore “harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God.”

### 6. Ecological Spirituality - Organizations (Friday)

Triune God, help us to develop a spirituality of global solidarity which flows from the mystery of who you are, an interconnected community of love. May this spirituality “motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world.”

### 7. Community Involvement and Participatory Action - Communication (Saturday)

God of communion, enable us to become communities of participatory action and advocacy, for the Earth and the poor. May we form networks of open and respectful dialogue and use all the communication avenues available to us for the good of all.



## St. Francis/Laudato Si' Climate Action Pledges

Need a little more inspiration to get started on your St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge? Here are some articles and websites with climate actions and creation care tips to help on your *Laudato Si'* journey for our common home.

Want to report your pledge so that we can tally Catholic climate action? Please [fill-out this form](#) with your pledge.

- [Calculate my carbon footprint](#) and [find ways to reduce](#) it by at least 10% in the next year
- Be a part of a [Catholic Youth and Young Adult climate action program](#)
- Stop using disposable plastic bottles, bags, straws, cutlery and cups! Say NO to single-use plastic.  
See: [Reducing Plastic Waste and Moving Beyond a Throwaway Culture](#)  
[How Can Parishes Reduce Plastic Waste?](#), NCR EarthBeat  
[NCR Podcast: Reducing Plastic Waste](#)  
[Plastic and the State of Our Souls](#), Sojourners
- [Walk, cycle, carpool, or use public transport](#)
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and spread wildflower seeds.  
See: [St. Kateri Habitat Program](#)  
[Minnesota Will Pay Homeowners to Replace Lawns with Bee-Friendly Wildflowers](#),  
[Clover and Native Grasses](#)
- Switch to renewable energy  
See: [Catholic Energies](#)  
[What Are Some Ways Parishes Can Acquire Solar Panels?](#), NCR  
[Laudato Si' urges us to transition to renewable energy](#)
- Go meatless on Monday and/or Fridays (at least)  
See: [How Our Food Choices Can Save the World](#)  
[Mercy Meatless Mondays](#)
- [Reuse, recycle, reduce](#) my consumption of resources

## CLIMATE CHANGE RESOURCES

- ♦ **Carbon Calculator** <http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>
- ♦ **Climate Crisis as Spiritual Path** (Joanna Macy) <https://vimeo.com/588455489>
- ♦ **EarthBeat: Stories of climate crisis, faith and action:** <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>
- ♦ **Global Climate Change is also a Spiritual Crisis**  
by Daniel P. Horan, OFM <https://www.ncronline.org> **July 21, 2021**
- ♦ **Global Climate Change A Plea for Dialogue Prudence and the Common Good USCCB:** <https://www.usccb.org/resources/global-climate-change-plea-dialogue-prudence-and-common-good>
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