

Creation Care Prayers



Blessed are you, O God, Creator of the universe, who have made all things good and given the earth for us to cultivate. Grant that we may always use created things gratefully and share your gift with those in need, out of the love of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

~USCCB

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)

More prayers below...

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH (FROM LAUDATO SI')

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,
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. Amen



Source: <https://laudatosi.com/watch>

God of Now and Eternity,

Moment by moment and day by day, you create the
wonders of the earth.
You carve canyons over eons, and mountain ranges
through millennia.
You bring a seed to bloom and fade over the course
of days.

Your time surpasses our time, and your vision is
broader than our own.
Give us faith to believe in your plan for the good of
all your creatures.
In the years and moments of our lives,
Give us eyes to see your beauty and wonder,
and resolve to act with love for the good of all. Amen.



VIDEO PRAYER:

A Prayer for Our Earth Video Reflection 1:34 seconds

A Prayer for Our Earth (from Laudato Si') Video Reflection

Recommended for **April 22**



SOURCE: Go to: <https://youtu.be/uSDFiqs1Fpk>

[https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/a-prayer-for-our-earth-\(from-laudato-si'\)-video-reflection](https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/a-prayer-for-our-earth-(from-laudato-si')-video-reflection)

A Reflection for Earth Day

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God,
Creator of All,

We offer our prayer in gratitude and humility that we might heed your call to care for one another through our care of the least, the lowest and the most vulnerable of all your blessed creation.

Grant, we pray, the courage to speak on behalf of the soft soil under our feet, the running and still waters, the warmth of the sun on our face, and all the crawling, flying and swimming creatures you love. May our courage to speak translate into actions that protect our planet—so that our children and their children might enjoy the fruits of what we sow.

In your name, we pray.
AMEN.

<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/social-justice>

Other Catholic Health Association Handouts, Posters and Prayers:

[Earth Day Prayer Reflection](#) – For 2021 our prayer card is electronic only. You can download it as a jpeg or a PowerPoint slide for your use in electronic communications and social media.

- » [Earth Day Reflection jpeg](#)
- » [Earth Day Reflection PowerPoint Slides](#)
- » [Earth Day Prayer Service](#)
- » [Earth Day Reflection Video](#)

Prayers for Creation Care During Advent



We pray for simplicity on this first Sunday of #Advent. Let us keep the message of #LaudatoSi in our minds and our hearts this Christmas season, so that we might appreciate the small things.



A prayer for creation care this third Sunday of #Advent. What's your favorite line?



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicclimatecovenant>

Rosary of Creation from Sisters of Mercy

For a larger copy and also Spanish Prayers available: <https://sistersofmercy.org/news/rosary-of-creation/>

Pope Francis urges the world's Catholics and all people of good will to take urgent action against the injustice of climate change and the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si* is a compelling call to care for our common home, Earth, building on a long history of Catholic teaching. We are building a vibrant movement to respond to Pope Francis' call.



St. Thomas Aquinas said: "An error against nature is an error against God."

So that we do no further damage and so that we respect the beautiful work of the God of life, we pray the Rosary of Creation with texts from *Laudato Si*.

Ponder:

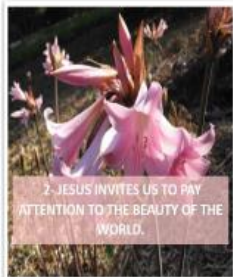
We can all recognize a sacred history in creation and evolution. The cosmos is the first revelation of the God of life, love and creation without end. It is our first holy book, our first pathway to God.



This wonderful marvel unites the stars and moves the sun in its orbit.



Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. There is 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. (LS #91;139)



Jesus would invite them to recognize the paternal relationship God has with all creatures. With moving tenderness, God would remind us that each one of them is important in God's eyes: 'Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.' 'Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.' (LS #96)



4. INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TEACH US TO RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE EARTH.

The disappearance of a culture can be just as serious, or even more serious, than the disappearance of a species of plant or animal... it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors ... a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best. (LS #145-146)



3. A MORE JUST WORLD IS POSSIBLE IN WHICH EVERYONE HAS WHAT IS NEEDED.

Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction...there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life. ... The Christian tradition has never recognized the right to private property as absolute or inviolable and has stressed the social purpose of all forms of private property. (LS #204,189, 93)



5. TO LOVE IS TO CARE FOR AND BUILD COMMUNITY WITH ALL THAT EXISTS.

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. Community actions that intervene in favor of the common good and seek to build a better world, expressing self-giving love, can become intense spiritual experiences. ... We can ask Mary to help us look at this world with wiser eyes. (LS #231-232-233)

God of life, teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to contemplate with admiration, to acknowledge that we are profoundly united to all creatures in our journey towards your infinite light. Thank you because you are with us every day. Strengthen us, please, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. AMEN