

- ▶ Because we are indifferent to the intimate relationship between the selfish abuse of its wealth and the exclusion of the increasingly impoverished.
- ▶ Because we do not risk assuming a global ecological conversion with the consequent change of lifestyle.
- ▶ Because we are afraid to eliminate the dysfunctional structures of the global economy.
- ▶ Because we do nothing effective to correct the models and paradigms of growth that prevent even "suspecting" that there are "others" to whom the land also belongs.

Meditation

Prayer "Care of the Common House"

Father of all, creator and ruler of the universe, you entrusted your world to us as a gift.

Help us to take care of it and of all people, so that we live in a right relationship: with You, with ourselves, with each other, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, You lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family recognizing that we are all connected, to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those who live in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations.

Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, infuse life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, moving to action the hearts of all, individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders.

God One and Triune, help us to hear the cry of those who live in poverty, and the clamor of the earth, so that together we can take care of our common home. Amen.

Final song: Love, worship and serve

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WORSHIP



Introduction:

Faced with the situation of environmental deterioration in which we find ourselves, Pope Francis invites all those who live on this planet to enter into dialogue with everyone about our common home (# 3.) We invite you today to do the prayer of covenant, that is to thank God for the creation we have received from His goodness, and at the same time see our complicity in what our common home is suffering. Then we will humbly ask the Lord, to help us to build our common home.

Invitation:

Omnipotent, most high, kind Lord, praise, glory and honor are yours; You alone are worthy of every blessing, and man is never worthy to make mention of you.

Canticle of the Creatures of Saint Francis of Assisi

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises,
the glory, the honour, and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather
through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

Opening song

PSALMIC PRAYER: From LAUDATO SI

- ▶ Thank you, Lord, for the beauty and richness of our common home.
- ▶ Thank you for the book of nature that tells us about You...
- ▶ In this book we read You, we find your face in the reflection that all your creatures have of You.
- ▶ Thank you because in it is written your love, your beauty, your kindness.
- ▶ Thank you because being "small creatures", we can be in "communion with all of them" to show your merciful face and work for the common good.
- ▶ Thank you because you have endowed the human being with the capacity for reflection and positive intervention to achieve an integral ecology.
- ▶ Thank you because you have endowed the human being with the ability to maintain your creation.
- ▶ Thank you because even in the midst of our limits there are gestures of generosity, solidarity and care for our common home. (LS, 1-59).

Silence

Prayer of the poor...

Song

Reading...

With this same heart, humbly grateful, feeling ourselves members of sinful humanity, we recognize our sin against our common home.

- ▶ **Forgive us**, because we irresponsibly abuse of the goods that You have put into it.
- ▶ Because we do not hear its devastation or its cries like labor pains.