

Prayer for the Earth and Cries of the Poor

Pope Francis

Pope Francis introduced a new prayer to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si' and called on people of goodwill to recite the prayer until May 24, 2021. As you recite the prayer be mindful of how your faith calls you to listen and to respond to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor.

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them.
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us, but to your creatures and to all
future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope
and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes
that are needed in search of the common good.
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to listen and to respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.
May the present sufferings be the bangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians,
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.