



Laudato Si' Theme

Response to the Cry of the Earth

-a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.

From Laudato Si': "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life." (LS#2)

From Our Vision Statement:

"As a community of charity, living the gospel as expressed in the charism of Elizabeth Seton and Margaret George, we will be person who strive to...choose to live simply in a complex world committed to the healing of our global home."

Optional: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaoluF-atl> (Cry of the Earth: 3:42 minutes)

For Reflection:

- Do you hear the cry of the earth?
- What word or phrase speaks to you from the above readings?
- What are you called to do?

Prayer:

Creator of All, we join our minds and hearts with all on planet Earth. We rejoice in your sacred presence among us and within us. Divine Oneness, we celebrate the goodness, the beauty, the talents, and the spirituality of all these brothers and sisters of ours. We stand in solidarity with all those who suffer in any way. Rekindle our love, revitalize our compassion, and renew our awareness of the unity we share. Amen. (Source unknown)

Actions:

- Eat meatless meals at least one day a week. .
- Use cloth shopping bags and cloth napkins.
- Rethink, Repurpose, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- Reduce the amount of paper you use.
- Shorten your shower by one minute and save 50 gallons of water per month.
- Pray for all those who are suffering from the effects of climate change.