He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. — Micah 6:8

Creator God,
You call us, as inhabitants of this world, to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Yet this is so often absent from our experience and feels beyond our ability. We find hope as we recognize and confess our failings — whether as individuals or institutions. Confronting racial injustice and recognizing its harm towards others can be painful, but the pain for those subjected to this injustice is greater. May we have the courage to act justly. May we love mercy in order to avoid harming others by action or inaction. May we find the humility to acknowledge our failings. For the sake of our country, world, your creation, and those created in your image, may this come to pass.

-Prayer from Climate Caretakers
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Framework for Environmental Justice in Laudato Si'

Our Common Origin
Mutual Belonging
Shared Destiny
Today, however, 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.

LAUDATO SI', 49
An inadequate presentation of Christian anthropology gave rise to a wrong understanding of the relationship between human beings and the world. Often, what was handed on was a Promethean vision of mastery of the world, which gave the impression that the protection of nature was something only the faint-hearted cared about. Instead, our “dominion” over the universe should be understood more properly in the sense of responsible stewardship.

Laudato Si', 116
Intersectionality Matters

Intersectionality is the complex, culminative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (racism, sexism, classism, speciesism) combine, overlap or intersect.

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“You tell me your zip code, and I can tell you how healthy you are.”

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THREE INTERSECTING DIMENSIONS OF LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

**Economic Well Being**

Access to Safe work; Living Wage; Sustainable Economies; Don’t take more than what can be sustained by the planet (regenerative economies); Circular Economies; Inviting innovation; Economies in Service of Humanity and Planet...

**Ecological Well Being**

Safe Places; Clean Drinking Water; Sanitation; Beauty; Healthy Food; Recreation; Breathable air; Non-heat islands; Protection from rising sea levels; ecosystems informing human practices.

**Social Well Being**

Healthy Communities and Families; Interconnected Communities; Access to Goods of Society (healthcare; education; jobs); Ability to Contribute to Society; All have Value and Worth
God, Creator:
The Deep Roots of Our Common Origin
Incarnation

Source of our Mutual Belonging and Shared Destiny

Signpost from Laudato Si'
The Trinity: Perfect Communion

Our Model for Abundant Planetary Table Fellowship

Signpost from Laudato Si'
“The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.

In this way, they make their own, the trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted on them when they were created.

Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of global solidarity that flows from the mystery of the Trinity”

Laudato Si', 240
Praise Be!

Catherine Wright

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Principles of Environmental Justice

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The fair treatment of people of all races, income levels, and cultures with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies, and their meaningful involvement in government decision-making processes.
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My Story and Impacts of Environmental Justice
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Be Inclusive

Work Together in Solidarity and Mutuality

Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing

Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves

Let People Speak for Themselves

Commitment to Self-Transformation
What Can You Do?

- Invest in Impacted Communities
- Speak Out Against Harm
- Amplify the voices of impacted people
THANKS

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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Other Resources:
New Yorker: Future of Coal
Refinery29 Video: Communities Fight for Environmental Justice

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