

A Prayer for the 10 th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Laudato Si' to you loving Creator God!

From you, all good things flow and bloom.

Praise be also for the prophetic life of your servant Pope Francis,
who steadfastly urged us to hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth!

Today, our minds and hearts are open to those cries.

We hear the wrenching cry of the poor and vulnerable.

We hear the choking cry of our brothers and sisters living in polluted and unhealthy places.

We hear the pleading cry of migrants and refugees seeking a home with peace and dignity.

We hear the desperate cry of climate-displaced communities;

of the people of small island nations and low-lying areas watching their homes disappear,
of neighbors losing all to fire or flood.

We hear the soul-filled cry of farmworkers poisoned by pesticides or overcome by heat.

We hear the urgent cry of children lacking clean water and safe shelter due to poverty or war.

We hear, oh God, we hear!

We hear the cries of your Creation groaning in travail.

We hear the roaring cry of forests disappearing by fire or saw.

We hear the tearful cry of rivers drying up, overflowing, changing course.

We hear the haunting cries of our fellow creatures as their homes are mined, exploited, polluted.

We hear the mighty cry of the oceans as more plastics and less life become the norm.

We hear the swishing cry of the air as pollution takes its toll.

We hear, oh God, we hear!

Yet it is not enough to only hear these cries.

You call us to love abundantly, take action, and live Laudato Si'!

Help us God, to courageously and urgently confront the consequences

of our neglect and abuse of creation;

to radically change our ways and live in peace with each other and creation.

Fill us with your strength so we may soothe the cries of the poor and of the Earth

and be true protectors and redeemers of the vulnerable, the oppressed, and of all creation.

Give us your grace so we may become fruitful seeds of peace and hope that will sprout

and welcome your kingdom on Earth.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of the Blessed Mother

and your faithful servant, Pope Francis.

Amen.