

A Prayer for Earth Day

This prayer reflects Pope Francis's encyclical on "care for our common home," entitled Laudato Si', a title which references St. Francis of Assisi and his song of praise for Creation.

We remember St. Francis of Assisi
As he attended to the birds of the air
And the creatures of the earth.
He sang his hymn of praise to
Our common home,
The gift and mystery of Creation.



We respond to the words of Pope Francis
As he calls us again
To cherish this gift, this mystery,
As he reminds us that we are all connected.
All is communion in the great web of life
And we are all part of the sacred whole.

We sing once more with praise for the earth,
As Spring reminds us of new growth
And the Hope that we are challenged to live out.
We practice hope for our common home,
And for that communion of all of Creation,
So the song of praise heard in Assisi so long ago
Will continue to echo in country and city,
Around this green globe, and out to the heavens. Amen.

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