

## NEWS FROM JUSTICE AND MOTHERWELL MAY 2020

***Pope Francis is inviting Catholic communities around the world to celebrate Laudato Si' Week from 16 to 24 May 2020***



"By our actions, we can mitigate the effects of climate change stop the destruction of habitats and reverse the decline of species worldwide. The way we treat the earth today is already affecting the poorest and most vulnerable in the world and, in time, will affect us all. I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." Pope Francis, Laudato' Si



***During the week we're asking you to reflect on the world you hope to see post lockdown.***


Laudato Si' teaches us how to build a better world-together. People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For Laudato Si' Week, Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future. Stand united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we grow through the crisis of this moment to build a better tomorrow.

Sign the Laudato Si Pledge <http://livelaudatosi.org/>

***Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in Laudato Si, I pledge to:***

- Pray for and with creation
- Live more simply
- Advocate to protect our common home. Join the worldwide day of prayer, on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Put preparation into action during the Season of Creation, this September





# COMMON PRAYER

for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

## Laudato Si'

**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 all of 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 respond to the cry of the earth  
 and the cry of the poor.  
 May the present sufferings be the birth pangs 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**

**LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2020**

DICASTERIO PER IL SERVIZIO  
 DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

Let us also remember



Many  
farmers  
and

"People living in the world's poorest nations do not concern themselves with the environment, or the latest figures on carbon emissions; rather, they wake up each day wondering if they will be able to feed their children."

agricultural workers  
 are going to work each day to keep  
 the world's food supply intact. By  
 supporting Fairtrade farmers and  
 workers during these times, and  
 continuing to buy from Fairtrade co-  
 operatives, we support them to  
 protect the health and safety of  
 their communities, to weather the  
 economic challenges ahead, and to  
 stand together in global solidarity.

There are many other resources online including -

- <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/76-laudato-si-study-guide>
- <https://laudatosi.com/watch>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssYIOWjG87k>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIVuISZGdug>

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