

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter



As we gather together again separately but as one body united in spirit and prayer we remember that this is a global day of prayer when we are asked to pray about caring for the earth, our common home.

Five years ago Pope Francis issued his great statement on the environment: Laudato Si' (Praise Be) addressed not just to the Catholic Church, but to all humanity as we face the global climate emergency.

The day of prayer concludes a week's celebration to honour this encyclical and to encourage us to build a better world together. The present pandemic allows us to pray, reflect, and prepare together for the future and is a rare opportunity to build a compassionate and sustainable society. Let's take it!

**Opening hymn: Morning has broken –**



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broken AUD-202005

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All today's readings at: <https://universalis.com/20200510/mass.htm>

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 *They joined in continuous prayer*

**Psalm:** 26:1,4,7-8

Response: *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 4:13-16 *It is a blessing when they insult you*

**Alleluia –** John 14:18 - *I will not leave you orphans*

**Gospel –** John 17 :1-11 – *Father it is time for you to glorify me*

**Watch** this four minute guide (from 2015) to the pope's message

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_lqFTYLc\\_4&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4&feature=emb_rel_end)

***Let us pause and pray the common global prayer as requested today by the pope and bishops. You will find this on the next page–***

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# 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**

DICASTERO PER IL SERVIZIO  
DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

Maureen and Jim compiled prayers this week  
Thanks to Norman, Ela, Fionuala and Sheila for music

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### Act of Spiritual Communion

A Prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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In conclusion, an extract from the poem by St Francis that inspired the pope's letter

### CANTICLE OF THE SUN

*Most high, almighty, good Lord God, to you belong  
praise, glory, honour and all blessing!*

*Praised be my Lord God with all creatures.*

*Especially our brother sun, who brings us the day,  
and the light; fair is he and shining with very great  
splendour: O Lord, he signifies you to us!*

*Praised be my Lord for our sister moon and for the  
stars, whom God has set clear and lovely in heaven.*

*Praised be my Lord for brother wind, for air, cloud,  
calms and all weather, by which you uphold in life all  
creatures.*

*Praised be my Lord for sister water who is very  
serviceable to us and humble, precious and clean.*

*Praised be my Lord for brother fire, through whom  
you give us light in darkness: He is bright, pleasant,  
most mighty and strong.*

*Praised be my Lord for our mother Earth, who  
sustains us and keeps us and yields diverse fruits,  
and flowers of many colours and grass.*

*Give thanks to God and serve God with humility*

**Closing hymn- My soul is filled with joy (the Magnificat)**



Magnificat

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