

In this way we shall all feel responsible towards others and towards the world, and that it is worthy to be good and honest.

Voice 1 : Looking at the sacraments and in particular at the Eucharist, we can see the connection between heaven and earth, and the authentic way of caring for creation, so that also others may contemplate and taste the beauty of God.



Silence accompanied by a music



Magnificat Ant: Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us all.

Pope Francis' prayer for the LAUDATO SI' year
(prayed between soloist and assembly)

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

*** Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.**

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

*** Help us to show creative solidarity as we face
the consequences of the global pandemic.**

Make us courageous in embracing the changes
required to seek the common good.

*** Now more than ever,
may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.**

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

*** May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.**

We pray through Christ our Lord,

*** under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.**

OUR FATHER



Final song



On a journey: Welcoming the change



Prayer of June 2020

Voice 1 : ... change is impossible without motivation and a process of education (Laudato Si' n. 15)

Voice 2 : Pope Francis has announced that the year beginning on 24th May 2020 and closing on 24th May 2021 will be especially dedicated to the social encyclical Laudato si' in order to mark its fifth Anniversary. This meaningful anniversary coincides with the pandemic which has hit the whole world imposing radical changes to our life style. In fact, the message of the Laudato si' issued in 2015 appears truly prophetic today!

Voice 1 : We too want to celebrate the encyclical in prayer, asking the grace of learning to live in solidarity among ourselves, as well as with all the other peoples on earth and also with our planet Earth.

Voice 2 : Besides, in this month we Sisters of Charity remember Blessed Nemesia, who spent whole her life for education, so that the hearts of many youngsters could be opened to the infinite horizon of God's Love ...

Therefore, we want to learn from this Encyclical so that we too, like Nemesia may be able to contemplate wider horizons and to thank the Lord for his creation!



Hymn

From the Encyclical Laudato Si' n° 209

An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits...

In those countries which should be making the greatest changes in consumer habits, young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them are making admirable efforts to protect the environment. At the same time, they have grown up in a milieu of extreme consumerism and affluence which makes it difficult to develop other habits. We are faced with an educational challenge.



Silence accompanied by a music

From the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* n° 210

“ [...] Environmental education has broadened its goals. ... Environmental education should facilitate making the leap towards the transcendent which gives ecological ethics its deepest meaning. It needs educators capable of developing an ethics of ecology, and helping people, through effective pedagogy, to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.”



Silence accompanied by a music

Dall'Enciclica *Laudato Si'* n° 211

“Yet this education, aimed at creating an “ecological citizenship”, is at times limited to providing information, and fails to instil good habits. If the laws are to bring about significant, long-lasting effects, the majority of the members of society must be adequately motivated to accept them, and personally transformed to respond [...] All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings.”

We pray with the Psalm 115

The only true God and the false idols

Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name give glory
because of your mercy and faithfulness.

Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven
and does whatever he wills.

Will bless those who fear the LORD,
small and great alike.

May the LORD increase your number,
yours and your descendants.

May you be blessed by the LORD,
maker of heaven and earth.

The heavens belong to the LORD,
but he has given the earth to the children of Adam.

The dead do not praise the LORD,
not all those go down into silence.

It is we who bless the LORD,
both now and forever. Glory to Father,...



We pray with the Psalm 131

Guard my soul in peace with you, my God.

My heart is not proud, Lord, *
my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters*
or things too wonderful for me.

But I have calmed and quieted myself, *
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord*
both now and forevermore.



Song

From the Gospel according to Matthew (MT 11: 25-27)

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hid-den these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Time for Reflection

Voice 1 : As we face the challenge of a new attitude about creation, the encyclical *Laudato Si'* shows us the way for a cultural revolution focused on the value and the protection of human life. The encyclical, in fact, invites to an ecological conversion, a change of route in which humanity takes up the responsibility of a true commitment in caring for our Common Home. Such a commitment involves also fighting against poverty, care for the poor, equal access for all to the Planet's natural resources.

Voice 2 : If blessed Nemesia knew the *Laudato Si'* would encourage us to invest in formation in order to make people aware that the environment is a gift of God, a common legacy which we are called to manage without destroying it. Even small gestures can make a difference: recycling, a careful use of water and food, turning off unnecessary lights, wearing warmer clothes instead of switching on the heating.