

Prayer and Witness Challenge - Term 2, Week 6

Celebrating "Laudato Si' Week" - 16th to 24th May

"Everything is interconnected"



2020 marks the 5th Anniversary Pope Francis' encyclical: "Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home" (LS). Here is Pope Francis' YouTube video on this:


Watch this clip. Pope Francis is encouraging us to do our bit during this week to [Care for our Common Home](#)




What a difference this encyclical has made! It has put the care for God's creation as a very important aspect of Catholic Social teachings. Yet it does of course not take away the need to care for the poor and most vulnerable people. The overall theme for the week is "Everything is interconnected". Pope Francis encourages us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (49, LS). For this Sunday we offer three quotes from "Laudato Si'" (in the document attached or available at our website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>


Week	Day	Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Do
For primary	Mon 18th	<p>All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.</p> <p>Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pope Francis</p>	<p>"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)</p> <p>Remember this verse off by heart 🍷🍷</p>	<p>Watch this animation about Laudato Si from CAFOD (UK) Our Common Home</p>	<p>Recycling challenge</p> <p>Make something from God's creation (a flower, an animal, a person) using items from your recycling bin!</p> <p>OR using the theme for Laudato Si Week 2020, "Everything is Connected" complete on of the activities in the Caritas Kaitiaki 2 Share competition.</p>

<p>Tues 19th</p>	<p>Prayer for the Care of Creation Te Atua Forgive us for how we have treated Your creation. Give us strength to no longer misuse natural resources and help us stop treating living beings with disrespect or neglect. Give us strength to work towards a world in which everyone can thrive by caring for the whole of your creation. Amene</p>		<p>Listen to this song. All God's Creatures got a place in the choir</p>	<p>Let's get creative!! Can you make something from God's creation using either your hand or foot print? Here are some examples.</p>
<p>Wed 20th</p>	<p>O gracious God, Giver of all that is good. We bless you for having given us life to share with so many other creatures. Through them and with them we praise you and ask that you continue to pour out your Spirit upon the universe, We make this prayer in Jesus's name Amen</p>		<p>Yes...you may have seen this before but it is really important!! Watch this video explaining Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>Here is an activity to help you to remember the Catholic Social Teaching Principles</p>
<p>Thurs 21th</p>	<p>Watch, listen and pray.. A Prayer for the Earth</p>	<p>This is a prayer doodle..create one using the Scripture verse above!</p>		<p>Ask an adult if they have time to take you on a walk around your neighbourhood or to a park or beach close by. So that everyone can enjoy God's creation, let's lead by example showing respect for our environment and community. Can you spend some of your time picking up any litter that you see?</p>
<p>Fri 22th</p>	<p>An Ecological Examen - pray this with your family at the end of the day</p>	<p>Read Psalm 34</p>	<p>Listen to this beautiful psalm</p>	<p><i>Can you write a prayer asking God to help you to</i></p>

		<p>I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made.</p> <p>Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?</p> <p>2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering.</p> <p>Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?</p> <p>3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable.</p> <p>What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?</p> <p>4. I ask for the grace to have a change of heart towards ecological justice and reconciliation.</p> <p>Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters?</p> <p>5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions.</p> <p>How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?</p> <p>6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.</p> <p>Adapted from http://www.ecologicalexamen.org/</p>		<p>Psalm 43: The Lord hears the cry of the poor</p>	<p><i>'hear the cry of the poor' in our world. This might help you to write your prayer. Share your prayer during prayer when you return to school.</i></p>
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Older students and parents	Mon 18th	<p>All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace. Amen.</p> <p>This is the Earth Prayer from Laudato Si.</p>	<p>Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' most recent letter, or encyclical. The phrase means "praise be to you" and the title is taken from a canticle (or hymn) written by St Francis of Assisi. St Francis, whose name the Pope chose when he was installed as Pope, is the patron saint of the environment. Encyclicals offer Catholics guidance from the Pope concerning issues which affect the lives and beliefs of Catholics. They often address new technologies or modern issues which aren't directly addressed in the bible. The Pope is guided to write these by Catholic teachings, the bible and the Holy Spirit. He will also seek the advice of those who are expert in the relevant field. In this particular letter, the Pope is not just writing to Catholics, but to everyone who lives on Earth because it is our common home.</p>	<p>Watch this video explaining Catholic Social Teaching</p> 	<p>Research and record answers to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an encyclical? • What is being asked of us? • Why is Pope Francis writing about this matter? • Is the Church saying anything new? • What has the environment got to do with people and religion? <p>Make a video or Digital Learning Object answering one of these questions and share with a teacher.</p>
	Tues 19th	<p>E te Atua, Loving God, Thank you for everything that you have given to us. We thank you for the food and water we have in the world. We pray that you will help us to remember those around the world who struggle to have enough food; who are thirsty and don't</p>	<p>"The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good.</p>	<p>Watch this video about Laudato Si from CAFOD</p>	<p>Think about a place that feels familiar to you or that you like to spend time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes this place special?

	<p>have enough water. Help us to help others to have enough food and enough water, so that we all have everything we need. Amen.</p> <p>(Sourced from Caritas resource “Climate Change Prayer Booklet”)</p>	<p>Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighbourhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.” Laudato Si’, 84</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I feel when I’m there? <p>Make a DLO telling people about your special place and why it is important to you.</p>
<p>Wed 20th</p>	<p>God of all, open our eyes to see you in all that you have created. As we think of how great you are, move us to help our brothers and sisters and care for the earth that we share. Amen.</p> <p><i>Adapted from the Global Catholic Climate Movement.</i></p> <p>(Sourced from Caritas resource “Climate Change Prayer Booklet”)</p>		<p>Watch this Video from the Vatican about Laudato Si</p>	<p>Answer these questions and share your work with your teacher. Remember to include the question in the work you submit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What is the Pope asking us to do in his letter? o What do you think Pope Francis means by ‘common home’? o How does the Pope say we have treated the Earth? o What has happened to the Earth because of this?
<p>Thurs 21th</p>	<p>E te Atua, Please bless those who are suffering and are moving because of sea levels rising and bad disasters happening. Please bless them and watch over them as they have to move to another island because of climate weather change. Please Lord, we ask you to take care of them and watch over them especially as they can’t plant food to eat. Amen.</p> <p>Cecillia Fuataga, Year 5 St Anne’s Catholic School, Manurewa</p>		<p>Watch this video from the Vatican about Laudato Si week.</p>	<p>Create a poster or similar answering these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Why do you think Pope Francis wrote this letter? o Who is suffering as a result of our actions? o How can we play our part to look after our ‘common home’?

		(Sourced from Caritas resource "Climate Change Prayer Booklet")			
	Fri 22th	<p>God, you created the world with your dream of what it could be. You dreamed of people and plants, animals and air, all living in right relationship to you and to each other. Today we offer to you our dream for a world which is not threatened by a changing climate which hurts our atmosphere, which wounds the poorest and most vulnerable, which leaves this wonderful planet in poor shape for future generations. Help us to listen to your voice, your Word, and your creation.</p> <p>(Sourced from Caritas resource "Climate Change Prayer Booklet")</p>			Create a three step action plan identifying ways you can reduce climate change. Make a DLO outlining your three steps.