

**World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation  
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**“Come, Repair my Home”**

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Be praised my Lord by all your creatures. You: “...*the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible...*”

You who in your grace gave us life as a matchless gift, who created our frail and beautiful blue home, our planet Earth with its own laws and perfect rhythms.

Be praised my Lord for this natural world with its delicate equilibrium, for your perfect Creation, which covers all our needs but not all our ambitions.

You, who are allowing us to enjoy your *very good Creation* and its wonderful and incomparable bounties.

What have we done Lord, what are we doing and what will we do to protect your Creation from the threats we ourselves as human beings have generated?

Polluting your pure air we trigger the greatest threat that jeopardises us daily: the climate change originated by our industrial activities. Energy generation, mobility, transport, burning fossil fuels, are causing food and water shortages, and creating poverty.

The most vulnerable peoples are the ones who suffer most, who are not responsible for, nor have generated this climate change affecting all of us without distinction.

My Lord, the poles are melting, sea levels are rising, remote islands in Oceania, in the Caribbean, are suffering; coastal cities will also suffer when flooded. Large cities, with large populations, not only cities which are not accountable for this menace which continues to threaten us, all of them will suffer.

We must care for your Creation as it deserves our respect, our reverence and our love. Love for life. Love for You Almighty Father.

We must change the paradigm of our civilization and cultures. We must not misuse your finite natural resources. We must not pollute the waters, the glaciers, and the air. We must reduce our excessive consumption. We must live without wasting; strive to live a more sober life in dignity.

Growth cannot be infinite. The ceaseless production of goods and the ever increasing consumption levels are destroying your natural resources which have allowed us to live up to the present, taking us to a situation of extremely dangerous climate change whose effects are already felt around the world.

Islands, forests, mangroves, lakes, glaciers, eternal snows, seas, all of them your Creation, are groaning with the pains of childbirth and appeal for justice, for peace, for care, for respect and for love. Let us listen to the voice of the Earth and to the voice of Science.

Be praised my Lord, for still giving us time to take decisions which may still save your Creation from the inevitable harm caused by the climate change generated by us, your sons and daughters.

Climate change is an issue of justice, of ethics, of equity, of solidarity, of comradeship, of honour, of accountability, but above everything it is an issue of Love for You my Lord, and Love for all your Creation.

Be praised my Lord!

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