

The Gaze of Jesus

"[Jesus]...was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder...'Lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest' (Jn 4:35)

"The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed...." (Mt13:31-32)

Jesus lived in full harmony with creation and others were amazed: "What sort of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

(Mt 8:27)

He was far removed from philosophies which despised the body, matter and the things of the world. Such unhealthy dualisms, nonetheless left a mark on certain Christian thinkers."

(LS, 98)



Cultivate gratitude & simplicity in day to day life

"Return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (LS,222)



We thank you Lord

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We thank You, Lord, for the perfection with which You created our mother earth. For filling her with beauty, goodness and generosity. For looking at her with love, because by contemplating her You reaffirmed that everything created was very good.

We thank You, Lord, for the trees, plants and flowers that speak to us through Your silence, for the song of the birds that in their diversity sing a beautiful melody to their Creator, for the air that gently caresses us.

We thank You for all the Universe that in constant movement renews, recreates and transforms itself, elevating our being to You and making us contemplate Your greatness, praising You for all that You have created, as Saint Francis and Saint Clare did one day.

We thank You Lord for so many men and women who throughout history have loved, guarded and cared for our common home, raising their voices as brave prophets, denouncing the injustice, misappropriation and exploitation of our sacred natural resources, accepting persecution and even martyrdom.

We ask for their intercession, along with Mary, our Mother, for all the people throughout the world who respect our sister mother earth, who contemplate her and feel as one with her, who work for good and who go throughout the world as messengers of peace and consciousness, praising You for having created her.

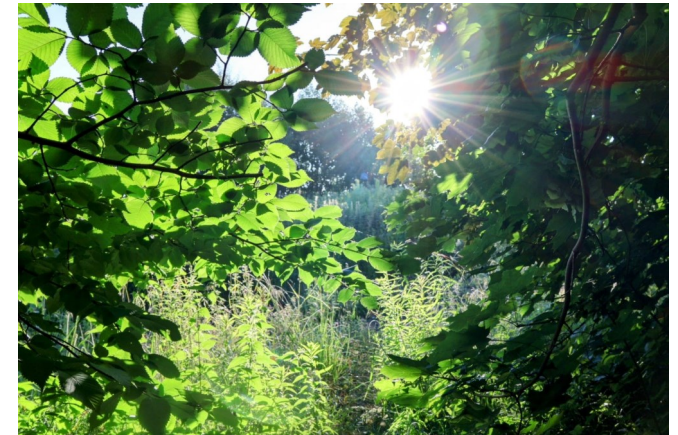
Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION WEEK 4

Harvest of Thanksgiving



"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, mountains everything is, as it were, a caress of God" LS 84.

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The
OBLATES
ALWAYS CLOSE to the PEOPLE

“Praise God for all his creatures”. This was the message that Saint Francis of Assisi proclaimed by his life, his canticles and all his actions. In this way, he accepted the invitation of the biblical Psalms and reflected the sensitivity of Jesus before the creatures of his Father:

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these” (Mt 6:28-29). “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight” (Lk 12:6). How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!



Laudato Si’ invites us to look at the spirituality of St Francis:

“Just what happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever [St Francis] would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he would burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise.” (LS, 11.)



Canticle of the Creatures

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour, and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

St. Francis of Assisi (1224 A.D.)

Praying with creation

“For the believer, to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a paradoxical and silent voice.” (LS 85)

Novena to Saint Francis Produced by CAFOD

Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Creatures.

Copy & paste the following into your browser or click on the link:

[Novena to St Francis \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

Use these video prayers over nine days or at nine moments of personal prayer. Each has four phases: Canticle; Amazon voice; penitential prayer; plea for intercession.

*On the eve of the Feast of Saint Francis
you are invited to gather for
a whole island community
liturgical celebration.*

*This will take place Thursday
3rd October at St Joseph’s Church,
Llangefni, 7.00pm.*

*In this service, we lament our lack of
caring for creation, we cling to our
faith and hope, and commit ourselves
anew to act with Creation for the
renewal of life.*

*Followed by tea and coffee.
All are welcome - Please try to join us.*