

Prayer Inspired by Pope Francis' Laudate Deum (Praise God)

[En Español](#) [Print](#) [Download PDF](#)

This prayer is inspired by [Laudate Deum](#), Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on care for creation in follow-up to [Laudato Si'](#).

We praise you, O God, Creator of all things,
whose mystery unfolds in “a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face.”¹

Jesus, your Son, taught us to wonder
as he made his way throughout the land, contemplating the beauty of creation.²

We pray, O God, that you may stir in us
a reverent awareness of our invisible link with the entire created world.

We pray for humility—
to remember that we, too, are created and are not creation’s masters.

We pray for compassion—
for open eyes and hearts to welcome those forced to flee from their homes due to rising sea levels and drought.

We pray for repentance—
so that our thirst for power and domination may be transformed into service.

We pray for simplicity—
and the will to turn from our greed which impacts vulnerable people everywhere.

We pray for cultural conversion—
that we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and waste, and exercise prudence in our decision making.

We pray for policy changes—
that as a nation and world we may work together to reverse the course of climate change.

Our hearts ache as we ponder:
“The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?”³

We praise you, O God,
confident that you work in our hearts and through our actions, so that we may better care for our common home.

Amen.

¹ Laudate Deum, Quoting Laudato Si’, no. 233.

² Laudate Deum, no. 64, quoting Laudato Si’, no. 97.

³ Laudate Deum, no. 65.