



Preparing for Pope Francis's Encyclical:
Caring for Creation
and the Poorest Among Us

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As we remember our theme, ***PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S CREATION***, on our day of fasting and prayer on Thursday, February 11, 2016, we celebrate Pope Francis's Ecological Encyclical through a reflection that invites us to action as we care for creation and the poorest among us.

Pope Francis is gearing up to release his Papal Encyclical on the environment this summer. For more information see the October 11, 2015 document.



“Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

- Pope Francis, May 2015

REFLECTION

- Our faith calls us to care for creation as a gift of God's love. Reflect on your relationship with the earth. What actions can you take to express your love for God's creatures and creation?
- Where do you stand on what the U.S. government should be doing about global warming and climate change? How can we ensure that decisions concerning climate change will be guided by transparency, accountability, and informed participation?