



As we remember our theme, ***PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S CREATION***, on our day of fasting and prayer on Wednesday, May 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.

### "Laudato Si" Prayers of the Faithful

- Reader: We pray for every human person—born and unborn—who is impacted by environmental pollution.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray for the poorest and most vulnerable among us who are disproportionately and unjustly harmed by ecological damage.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray that our elected officials be blessed with the courage to protect God's good gift of creation.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray that business leaders be blessed with the wisdom to account for the ecological costs of economic choices.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray that our religious and parish communities receive the grace to  
"cultivate and care for" creation as God calls us.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray that our Church, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, continue to lift up the moral aspects of human-caused environmental harm.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**
- Reader: We pray that our world will prudently respond to the Church's teaching that climate change is a pressing moral issue.  
We pray to the Lord... **Congregation: Lord hear our prayer.**