

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE PRAYER BELOW IN YOUR MASSES OVER THE WEEKEND OF:**

**SATURDAY 31 AUGUST & SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**



**SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect  
all You have created, using wisely all that You have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty  
where the poor of the earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end,  
Amen

When writing 'The Call of Creation' in 2002, the Bishops of England and Wales, said that "care for the environment presents a major challenge for the whole of humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century." The passing of time makes this challenge clearer. It is now an unprecedented ecological crisis.

The Environmental Advisory Group exists to gather information and provide practical responses to *Laudato Si'* which can be adopted by dioceses, parishes and schools.

- ❖ The CBCEW 'Global Healing' film and CAFOD's 'Live Simply' programmes provide entry and development points, which should be further promoted. We hope these will help to encourage parish and school environment groups to form, and inspire further local action.

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