

Season of Creation 2024 – Hope & Act with Creation - 2

1 September – 4 October

All praise be yours, My Lord, through all that you have made.

Francis of Assisi

A Call to Praise God Psalm 95

A mighty God is the Lord,
In his hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it,
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

Points for reflection:

- **Can parishes and faith groups join more closely with those who, like St Francis of Assisi, are derided for seeing fellow creatures as “companions along the way?”**
- **Can we grow deeper in our conviction that “everything is connected” and “no one is saved alone”?**
- **Are we ready to turn the world rightside up, moving away from obsession with our wealth and resources, and towards a greater care for our common home, and those we share it with?**

Cafod on Laudate Deum

A prayer for our earth *If in a group, the following verses may be recited alternately.*

1 All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

2 *You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

1 Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

2 *Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

1 O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, precious in your eyes.

2 *Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,*

1 that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

2 *Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

1 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

2 *to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature*

1 as we journey towards your infinite light.

2 *We thank you for being with us each day.*

1 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.

2 *Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Amen*

Pope Francis, Laudato ‘Si

*Peacemakers, when they work for peace,
sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness*

James 3:18 25th Sunday of the Year

