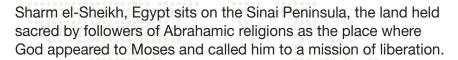
PRAY IN SOLIDARITY EACH DAY





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From November 6 to 18, 2022, the governments who are parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will convene in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt for the conference widely known as "COP27."

On each day of this conference, you are invited to pray *Shoeless* on *Sinai* in solidarity with the whole Earth community and, in a special way, with the Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and other faith leaders who will be advocating for environmental justice in the UN proceedings on the Sinai Peninsula.

Mt. Sinai ~ Face to Face With God | photo credit Elena Nasledysheva

PRAYER SEQUENCE

- Situate yourself for prayer by removing your shoes. If possible, go outdoors to pray with your bare feet on the earth and/or orient yourself in the approximate direction of Sharm-el-Sheik Egypt. Alternatively, if you happen to live in convenient proximity to a government building or UN office, you might engage in prayer outside that building on one or more days of the pilgrimage.
- 2. Read/view the day's reflection from the COP27 reflection calendar created by the Dominican Leadership Conference.
- 3. Enter into at least one full minute of contemplative silence, remaining in silence for as much time as you wish.
- 4. Conclude with the prayer *Shoeless on Sinai*.

After the prayer, if it serves you, spend another minute repeating the mantra "Remove our shoes.

We stand on holy ground."

SHOELESS ON SINAI PRAYER

Shoeless on Sinai Earth, our common home, is crying out to us through famines, floods, and fires, "Remove your shoes of ignorance. You stand on holy ground."



Earth, our community, is being forced to move away from the spaces that have nurtured our families for centuries.

"Remove your shoes of apathy. You stand on holy ground."

Earth, our common home, is calling us to recognize the true wealth we are squandering in the pursuit of human-made currency.

"Remove your shoes of greed. You stand on holy ground."

Earth, our community, is being crushed in every society and ecosystem by excess or deprivation.

"Remove your shoes of individualism. You stand on holy ground."

Earth, our common home, cannot wait any longer for us to ...remove our shoes and recognize that we live on holy ground.