



Prayer for Earth

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

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

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

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

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace. Amen.

-Pope Francis



Dominican Sisters
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Emboldened by faith, serving with joy

The Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids affirm our Congregation's 1992 Direction Statement on Care of Earth:



We commit ourselves to foster the contemplative stance that all the Earth is sacred and interconnected; respect and accountability for the Earth are necessary to the survival of life.

We affirm that actions which impact the environment will be preceded by the question: *Is this action which I (we) are performing supportive of the environment?*

The belief that everything is connected is a guiding principal for the Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids. The recent release of the encyclical entitled *Laudato Si' Care for Our Common Home* offers a unique opportunity to explore the Pope's appeal to people the world over to see through the eyes of faith and love in order to act and respond to the many challenges facing the environment and our common home.

We invite you to delve into study about God's Creation at Dominican Center this Fall.

- A Conversation with Bruce Friedrich: Care for God's Creation **Sept. 19**
- Interfaith Peace Service **Sept. 20**
- Live Stream of Pope Francis Addresses to the United Nations and U.S. Congress **Sept. 24-25**
- **Dominican Spirituality: Walking in Justice (9 sessions) Starts Monday evenings, Sept. 28**
- Laudato Si' Care for Our Common Home
A panel of Dominican Sisters explores four themes **Oct. 24**

If you want to put on your walking shoes, consider joining us for the West Michigan Peoples Climate March on **Sept. 19**. Details and sign up at wmeac.org/peoplesclimatemarch.

There is so much more. If you are on our mailing list, watch your mailbox for the catalog of programs coming this Fall to Dominican Center.

You can also visit dominicancenter.com to see more programs and events.



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