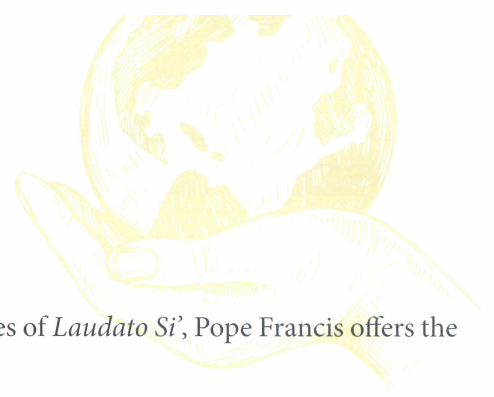


- Supporting a community garden or farmer’s market.
- Supporting policies that encourage renewable energy, wise management of natural resources, and sustainable agriculture.
- Taking the St. Francis pledge to care for creation and persons in poverty.⁵

PRAY FOR THE EARTH



Within the final pages of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis offers the following prayer:

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. •

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- Michigan Catholic Conference
micatholic.org/LaudatoSi
- Catholic Climate Covenant
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- Catholic Rural Life
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- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
bit.ly/2Z1bM3h •

“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

—*Laudato Si'*, No. 217



1. *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis, 2015: bit.ly/2JPFep3. 2. PFAS, a type of contaminant which does not break down easily in the environment, have been commonly found in waterproof, stain-resistant, or non-stick products; food packaging; commercial household products such as cleaning products; and production facilities or industries such as electronics manufacturing. 3. “*Laudato Si'* Discussion Guide,” USCCB, updated March 2020: bit.ly/2XB7FdC. 4. *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis, 2015: bit.ly/2JPFep3, and “*Laudato Si'* Discussion Guide,” USCCB, updated March 2020: bit.ly/2XB7FdC. 5. St. Francis Pledge, Catholic Climate Covenant: bit.ly/2LJ3S6O

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