

# 9-DAY NOVENA TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF \*LAUDATO SI\*

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## OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, we thank You for the gift of \*Laudato Si'\*, which reminds us of the interconnectedness of all life and our duty to care for our common home. As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this encyclical, we ask for the strength and wisdom to live out its message of ecological conversion, justice, and hope. May the prayer and reflections of this Novena deepen our commitment to caring for creation and all its people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DAY 1: THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR

*\*Silent meditation after every reflection\**

### Reflection:

Pope Francis writes that "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one and the same." This call for justice demands our attention as stewards of God's creation.

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

### Prayer:

Compassionate God, open our heart to hear the cries of the Earth and the poor. May we respond with compassion and act to restore both creation and the dignity of every human life. Amen.

## DAY 2: INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

### Reflection:

\*Laudato Si' teaches that everything is connected—people, nature, and society. We must approach the environmental crisis with an understanding of its deep connection to social, political, and economic issues.

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### Prayer:

God of creation, may we see the interconnectedness of all things. Teach us to care for the Earth and each other as one community, united in love and justice. Amen.

### **DAY 3: THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION**

#### **Reflection:**

We are educators in all that we are and do. (YAS, C23) Alert rapidly evolving conditions in a changing society, we discern which world conditions we are called to address. We try to recognize who the poor are and what urgent educational needs of our times are. (GD37)

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#### **Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, inspire us to rethink and re-design our curriculum and institutions to foster ecological awareness and transformative action to care for creation. Grant us the wisdom to teach others to do the same. Amen.

### **DAY 4: SUSTAINABILITY AND SIMPLE LIVING**

#### **Reflection:**

We express our spirit of poverty by holding all things in common, living simply, sharing materially and spiritually, receiving gratefully and reverencing created things. (YAS, C18)

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#### **Prayer:**

Loving God, help us to embrace simplicity in our daily life. Teach us to use only what we need, and to honor the Earth through responsible and sustainable living. Amen.

### **DAY 5: THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

#### **Reflection:**

Family is a cornerstone of God's plan, serving as a foundational unit for society, a place of love and support, and a means of raising future generations in faith. It is through families that individuals learn to love, respect, and serve one another, ultimately reflecting God's love in their daily lives.

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#### **Prayer:**

Jesus Mary and Joseph, inspire our families and local communities to lead by example in fostering ecological awareness and care for creation, beginning with small everyday actions. May we care for creation in our homes and work together to protect the world for future generations. Amen.

## **DAY 6: RESPECT FOR LIFE IN ALL FORMS**

### **Reflection:**

Catholic Social Teaching holds that every person is created in God's image, possessing intrinsic worth and dignity.... Every human life is considered sacred, from conception to natural death. (The principle of "Life and Dignity of the Human Person")

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### **Prayer:**

Living God of justice, teach us to act justly and walk tenderly with people of every race and tongue. May we honor and defend the life of your creation in its many forms. Amen.

## **Day 7: THE CALL TO ACTION**

### **Reflection:**

\*Laudato Si'\* urges us not only to be aware of environmental issues but to take concrete steps in our lives to address them, from small gestures to larger advocacy.

### **Prayer:**

Lord, grant us the courage to take action. Inspire us to make a difference in our communities and in the world by living out our commitment to care for the Earth and its inhabitants.

## **Day 8: REDUCE INEQUALITY**

### **Reflection:**

We exclude no one from our concern, but are especially sensitive to youth and women and are impelled to prefer the poor. (YAS, C24)

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### **Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, transform my heart and mind to love like you, so that our actions may reflect a deep love and respect for all of creation. Amen.

## **DAY 9: HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

### **Reflection:**

As we reflect on the 10th Anniversary of \*Laudato Si'\*, we are reminded that the future of our planet is in our hands. Through collective action, we can build a better, more sustainable world.

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**Prayer:**

God of hope, strengthen my faith and my resolve. Help me to believe that through our efforts, we can build a future where the Earth flourishes, and all people live in harmony with creation.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord, we thank You for the grace to reflect upon \*Laudato Si'\* during this Novena. May the insights and prayers of these nine days inspire us to continue striving toward a more just and sustainable world. We pray for the wisdom and strength to live out our commitment to care for creation, to stand in solidarity with the poor, and to work toward a future of peace and justice for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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