

Theme for Earth Day 2022 - Invest in our Planet

The Sisters of the Holy Family and our Associates joined others in signing onto the Earth Charter in 2004. This has called us to be more conscious of care for the earth and what we, together, can do, to care for it and those who inhabit it.

"Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life".
-closing sentence of the Earth Charter

What will I do? What will we do? TOGETHER, we can care for our planet. TOGETHER, we can care for Mother Earth...

Please partner with us by:

- Reading poems related to earth day
- Enjoy nature by taking a virtual tour of the forest and/or aquarium or taking a trip there [**you tube - Virtual Nature Walk: A Walk in the Forest; Georgia Aquarium Tour | Best In The Nation!**]
- Look at how you can adopt energy-saving measures to help protect the planet
- Find ways to limit your use of plastic
- Plant a tree(s) [It could be done in memory of someone you love.]
A Living Tribute - alivingtribute.org

"In fact, the earth must be taken care of, cultivated and protected; we cannot continue to squeeze it like an orange. And we can say this: taking care of the Earth is a human right," Francis said.



A Prayer for the Earth

-Laudato Si



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.

