APRIL 2015 - SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND CREATION

Following the Holy Father’s universal prayer intention for April, “that people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God,” it is encouraged that at Sunday and daily Masses the Prayers of the Faithful include specific intentions on this matter, which will also prepare parishes for the encyclical on integral ecology to be distributed soon. The following Prayers of the Faithful are suggestions for use/adaptation. Further resources can be found at www.CatholicClimateMovement.global.

• In midst of our ecological crisis, we pray that people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

• In view of the threatening climate crisis, we pray that people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

• For the poor, who are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, that they may be taken into account by those societies contributing the most to climate change. Let us pray to the Lord.

• Believing in God’s saving power and that God can make straight crooked paths we pray for action to protect and care for all creation and set our economies on new more life-giving paths. Let us pray to the Lord.

• United by our Catholic faith and respect for all life, including the life of unborn generations, we pray that the human family takes action to transition to clean energy and keep climate change in check. Let us pray to the Lord.

• With a shared sense of responsibility to care for God’s beautiful, life-giving creation, we pray that the goals of energy transition, reduced global warming, and protection of life for all are attained. Let us pray to the Lord.
• Attending to God’s word that all creation is good and we are called to embrace and steward God’s creation in ways that are life-giving for all people, we pray for international acceptance of the Holy Father’s upcoming guidance, through his encyclical on integral ecology. Let us pray to the Lord.

• For our Church, that it may encourage and support the “ecological conversion” which in recent decades has made humanity more sensitive to the catastrophe to which it has been heading. Let us pray to the Lord.

• For our Church, that it may raise its prophetic voice in view of the moral crisis of climate change and stress the urgency of climate action. Let us pray to the Lord.