



## Resources

### Theme: “Raising Hope”

#### 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 your 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.

Pope Francis in his encyclical, “Laudato Si’ On Care for Our Common Home”

#### Parish Initiative ideas

1. Say this prayer together as a community during Mass.

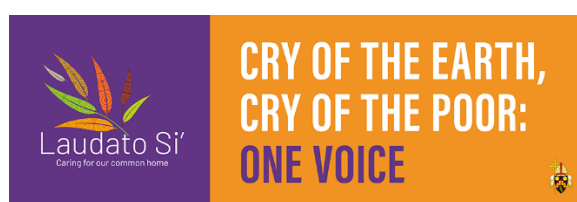
A flyer of the prayer can be found at this [link](#).

2. Creation Novena from the Laudato Si’ Movement – [link](#)

3. **Contemplative Walk** – Run a contemplative walk for your parish at Mt Coot-tha's Botanical Gardens. A booklet with instructions, map and readings is available electronically. Contact Emma Beach at Archdiocesan Ministries: [beache@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:beache@bne.catholic.net.au)

4. Assist leading a Children's Liturgy session on the theme of Laudato Si' Week and let the children's leaf or rainbow intentions inspire parishioners to write their own ecological intentions and add to the wall display. See the Children's Liturgy resource for details - [link](#).

5. Hang a banner that shows the message of Laudato Si' on your parish fence. See the new design for 2028 below – Contact Emma to see other options we can share or get ordered for you.



6. Show before or after mass or post communion a short film/song/prayer

### Examples

[Pope Francis' A Prayer For Our Earth](#) | CAFOD

2 mins 5 secs

[For Children](#)

4 mins

[A Prayer for the Earth from Laudato Si'](#)

3 mins 43 secs

[Canticle of the Sun – Marty Haugen](#)

3 mins 30 secs

[For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter](#)

2 mins 13 secs

7. Host a 'St Francis Table' at the back of the church. This is a table that shows ways to live sustainably. It could demonstrate how to reduce single use plastics (bees wax wraps or tin/ glass containers) or seedlings, fruit or herbs from gardens to share. If you are selling items, the money could go to a local charity and let the community know who this is.

8. Other organisations with excellent resources: amazing actions, activities, **liturgical resources** and prayers.

[Caritas Earthcare Laudato Si' Resources](#) (these are from 2024 but are still very helpful)

[Laudato Si' Movement](#)

*Please contact Emma Beach at Archdiocesan Ministries with any questions or clarifications.*

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