

## Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation prayers

Prepare your Pilgrim Heart – Please see the [Pilgrimage Toolkit](#) on pg.14 and pg. 21 for full text. Here are two reflections from those pages.

“To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art, or history. To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendour and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe.”

*Pope Benedict XVI, 6 Nov 2010,*

"In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16)" - 99, *Laudato Si'* encyclical

*Santiago de Compostela.*

### Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Prayer:

God in Heaven, as we begin our journey today, we pray that You will accept the efforts we make on this pilgrimage. We offer it in praise of You and with love for all that You have created.

Be our companion along the way, our guide at the crossroads, our strength in weariness, our defense in danger, our shelter in heat and cold, our light in darkness, our comfort in discouragement.

Open our hearts to everything that we encounter, to see You in our human brothers and sisters and in every being which You have made, for all things speak of You. Help us to understand Your will and to follow it with courage, confidence, and joy.

We pray that, with your grace and guidance, we will share your Good News with every creature and become agents of reconciliation and healing for all of Creation. May our witness be a leaven of authentic hope, the harbinger of the new heavens and the new earth which You have in store for us.

Help us to remember that this pilgrimage is just one step on our journey to you. We pray in a special way for our new Pope Leo and for his intentions. Give him the strength and wisdom he needs to guide your pilgrim Church on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Holy Mary, Mother of God.....Pray for us

Saint Joseph.....Pray for us

Saint James the Apostle.....Pray for us

Saint Roch.....Pray for us

Saint Christopher.....Pray for us

Saint Francis of Assisi.....Pray for us

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha..... Pray for us

Saint Raphael the Archangel.....Pray for us

Blessed Carlo Acutis ..... Pray for us

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.....Pray for us

Blessed Stanley Rother.....Pray for us

+Pope Francis.....Pray for us

All you holy saints and angels.....Pray for us

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

*Prayer submitted by Marilyn Kott, Maryknoll Affiliate*

Excerpt from Pope Francis' apostolic letter *Dilexit nos*:

As we stand before the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us reflect on this passage from 'Dilexit Nos.'

31. In the end, that Sacred Heart is the unifying principle of all reality, since “Christ is the heart of the world, and the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection is the center of history, which, because of him, is a history of salvation”. [25] All creatures “are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things”. [26] In the presence of the heart of Christ, I once more ask the Lord to have mercy on this suffering world in which he chose to dwell as one of us. May he pour out the treasures of his light and love, so that our world, which presses forward despite

wars, socio-economic disparities and uses of technology that threaten our humanity, may regain the most important and necessary thing of all: its heart.

If there is no St. Francis statue or picture, other Saints [who care for creation](#): St. Teresa of Lisieux, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John Paul II, St. John of the Cross, St. Benedict and St. Augustine among others.

### Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing, To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

Prayers to Blessed Mother (necessary for plenary indulgence)

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

[Jubilee 2025 official prayer:](#)

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

*Francis*

Our Father for Pope Leo (necessary for plenary indulgence).

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Nicene Creed (necessary for plenary indulgence)

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

### Ending prayer intentions

1. For the Church, that we may embrace the call to care for God's creation as a moral responsibility, and that Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation may inspire a renewed commitment to stewardship, healing, and restoration of our relationship with God, creation, and one another. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For all participants in the Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation, that through their journey, they may experience a deep spiritual renewal, encounter Christ in creation, and grow in a spirit of solidarity and compassion with those who are most impacted by environmental degradation. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all communities, that they may find opportunities for prayer, reflection, and action as they participate in the pilgrimages, and that through these shared experiences, they may deepen their bonds with one another and strengthen their commitment to living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in their local context. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For our leaders in the Church and in society, that they may be inspired by Pope Francis' teachings in *Laudato Si'*, and work diligently to protect the environment, promote justice for marginalized communities, and foster a culture of care for God's creation. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For those who feel disconnected from nature or lack access to the beauty of God's creation, that they may be given opportunities to experience the healing power of nature and may grow in their awareness of God's presence in all things. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

6. That, in this 10th Anniversary Year of *Laudato Si'*, all people may work together to pass to the future generations the gift of an Earth with cleaner land, water, and air; healed, restored, and teeming with life. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

7. That, inspired by St Francis of Assisi and the 800th year anniversary of the *Canticle of the Creatures*, we can work together to safeguard biodiversity, protecting and restoring even the smallest of the species, for not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

8. That this Jubilee Year will be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, and an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of fraternity with each other and with the rest of Creation. We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

Final Prayer: Lord, with your grace we will become true pilgrims of hope for all of Creation. In your kindness, we ask you to send us forward as a "leaven of authentic hope" for all of humanity, sharing your Good News, helping humanity regain its trust

in each other, and continuing to promote the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of Creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.