

Message for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024

"Hope and act with creation"

(Rom 8:19-25)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION?



Pope Francis encourages us to:

- **Live an incarnational faith**, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled "flesh" of others.
- **Join forces** and help rethink the question of human power, its meaning and its limits.

In *Fratelli tutti*, the Holy Father invites us to live a **spirit of social friendship, marked by universal fellowship**, Christian peace and the stewardship of our common home.

HOW CAN WE LIVE OUT THIS SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP?



The Holy Spirit calls faith communities:

- To extend this harmony between human beings to creation, with **responsibility for a humane and integral ecology**, the path to salvation of our common home and of ourselves who inhabit it.
- To **conversion, a change of lifestyle**, to resist environmental degradation.
- To engage in that social critique which is above all a **witness to the possibility of change**.

“The protection of creation is therefore not only an ethical issue, but one that is also eminently theological. It is the point where the mystery of man and the mystery of God intersect.”

Looking ahead to **Jubilee 2025**, we are moving towards "a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness."



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