

## Monday 16 May: Welcome to Laudato Si' Week 2022!

### From the Encyclical

*"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together ... for we know that things can change."* Laudato Si' n 13

### For Reflection

*"Behold, I make all things new!"*

(Revelation, 21:5)

The essence of our Easter season was proclaimed joyfully in yesterday's Eucharist. The invitation from Pope Francis in the week ahead is to integrate the affirmations and challenges of the encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the *Laudato Si' Action Platform* that was launched last year.

Whether you are an artist or activist, economist or educator, parishioner or parent, student or seeker, the encyclical and *Action Platform* provide a realistic yet hope-filled invitation 'for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet' (LS n 14). Pope Francis' emphasis on dialogue and discernment, inclusivity and intellectual rigor models a heartfelt desire to engage with all: 'I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home' (LS n 3).

*Laudato Si'* is not simply a manifesto on climate change. It offers a new vision of the world as glorious as the vision in Revelation of 'a new heaven and a new earth' (Rev 21:1).

*Laudato Si'* Week calls us to be Easter people, acknowledging the dark places in ourselves, our families, neighbourhoods, nation, and wider world, while praying and planning for a more peaceful and interconnected world. Inspired by the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development, the Australian Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites families, parishes, dioceses, educational institutions, the healthcare sector, businesses, and religious orders on a seven-year journey toward integral ecology. This requires an integrated approach. Therefore, we commend prayer, reflection, study, dialogue, and action across *Laudato Si' Week*. 'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.' (LS n 14)

### Prayer

Gracious God,  
you are good to all and compassionate  
to all your works.

As we commence *Laudato Si'* Week:  
we are mindful of your generous love in all creation,  
we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land  
on which we live,

we accept your invitation to engage with the  
wisdom of *Laudato Si'*.

With Pope Francis, concerned citizens  
and all creation,

we commit to the call and challenge  
of the week ahead,

so that, in prayer and protest, silence and song,  
reflection and renewal,

we might live the Easter promise  
of love's triumph.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our risen  
Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and  
for ever. Amen

### Action



**Head** Check the websites: [laudatosi.org](http://laudatosi.org) and [laudatosiactioplatform.org](http://laudatosiactioplatform.org) to engage with Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology.



**Heart** Pray each day using the prayers from these daily prayer and reflection sheets.



**Hands** Highlight *Laudato Si'* Week in your own context e.g., parish or school bulletin, prayer at a work meeting or faith sharing group, display a poster on your workplace's reception desk, display quotes from *Laudato Si'* on noticeboards.

