



## Season of Creation – “Sweet Song of Creation”

Reflection #2: September 4 - 10

***“I am interested in how an ecological spirituality can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world.” (Laudato Si #216)***

READ: 2<sup>nd</sup> part of Pope Francis’ letter for the 2022 Season of Creation (*below*)



REFLECTION: *Not* listening to the Voice of Creation brings about a distorted spirituality—one which looks the other way when species are driven to extinction, when temperatures rise, when people are made poor. Pope Francis calls us in *Laudato Si* to a social transformation made possible only with an *ecological spirituality*. Such a spirituality **joins us with all creatures** in a “splendid universal communion” (cf: Our Way of Life C3). Such a spirituality perceives God “in all things” and matters of the Spirit are not disassociated from that which is Earthy. May we birth a *comprehensive* compassion by our deeper and deeper listening. May this evoke authentic “ecological conversion” within ourselves and others.

ACTION: “Communion” is vital to being Presentation. Deepen your sense of communion by creating some time and space this week to pray in “*the great cathedral of Creation. Revel in the grandiose cosmic choir made up of countless creatures.*” Proclaim out loud St. Francis of Assisi’s “*Canticle of Brother Sun*”.

***“...A commitment this lofty cannot be sustained by doctrine alone, without a spirituality capable of inspiring us, without an interior impulse which encourages, motivates, nourishes and gives meaning to our individual and communal activity”. (LS #216)***

## Resources for September 4 - 10

### **Pope Francis' letter for the 2022 *Season of Creation***

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2 The sweet song of creation invites us to practice an “ecological spirituality” (*Laudato Si'*, 216), attentive to God’s presence in the natural world. It is a summons to base our spirituality on the “loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion” (*ibid.*, 220). For the followers of Christ in particular, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that “all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being” (*Jn* 1:3). In this Season of Creation, we pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the “grandiose cosmic choir” made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God. Let us join Saint Francis of Assisi in singing: “Praise be to you, my Lord, for all your creatures” (cf. *Canticle of Brother Sun*). Let us join the psalmist in singing, “Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!” (*Ps* 150:6).

From [Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - Season of Creation](#)

**Pray with Scripture: Daniel 3: 57 - 82**

What is Ecological Spirituality?

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