ECOLOGICAL ROSARY

Laudato Si' Movement





Opening Prayer

Mary, Mother of all creation, pray for us, that our meditation on these mysteries may guide us into new ways of seeing the world, new ways of living with creation, new ways of being global neighbours as we seek to build the Kingdom to which your Son calls us, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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1st Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus

REFLECTION:

This mystery teaches us of the extraordinary gift of the faith. In baptism, we are invited into God's family. We are to go forth spreading the goodness of His name and healing those with which we live. Bring to mind the simple wonder of water; its purity, its cleanliness, its nourishment. How can we, through the intercession of Mary and through the strength of Christ Jesus, assist in the transformation of our precious water systems from filthy and abused to once again glorious and life-giving?

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is

indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems." (LS 28)



• 10 Hail Marys...



1st Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus

SILENT CONTEMPLATION





PRAYER:

Thanks for the gift of water. The mighty seas, the calm lakes, the rivers, the streams, and the rain that falls to refresh the earth... Awaken the heart of those who exploit Your gift for profit. And forgive those of us who take Your gift for granted. Help us to remember the preciousness of Your gift and give us the wisdom to use Your gift wisely and to share it equitably. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding of Cana

REFLECTION:

The Wedding Feast at Cana is a powerful story of transformation and abundance, where Jesus turns water into wine, symbolizing his ability to bring forth new life and joy. In a similar way, our care for the environment should be rooted in a desire to bring about positive change and abundance for all living beings. Just as Jesus used the water that was available to him to perform a miracle, we are called to use the resources of the Earth wisely and sustainably, ensuring that future generations can also experience the beauty and abundance of creation. The Wedding Feast at Cana reminds us of the importance of stewardship and the potential for renewal and transformation when we approach environmental care with faith, creativity, and a sense of responsibility.



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2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding of Cana

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PRAYER

Eternal Creator, may we be inspired by the Wedding Feast at Cana to protect and care for the environment. Help us to be good stewards of the Earth, using its resources wisely and sustainably. May our actions reflect your love for creation and bring about a world where all can thrive in harmony with nature. Amen.



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3rd Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to Conversion

REFLECTION: *The Hebrew word for "repent" is* תשובה, or teshuva. This means: turn back, or return. When we are told "repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 3:2), we would do well to pause and understand what John the Baptist, and later Jesus, were truly saying. By saying תשובה, or teshuva, they meant: *Turn back from your current path, because it is not leading you to God.* In other words: change your direction, and change your purpose (covertere, in Latin).

In Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*', and even more so *Laudate Deum*, we are reminded that we must *turn back* from our addiction to fossil fuels "without delay," (LS 165) because it is not leading us to God's planetary purpose. We must cease our abuse of God's precious gifts (mainly, converting the resources of our wondrous Earth into profit), because that is not the destiny for the goods bestowed on us by the Great Giver. We are to *turn back*, and return to God's plan for us: the Eden already promised and given to us.





• 10 Hail Marys...



3rd Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to Conversion

SILENT CONTEMPLATION



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PRAYER

Jesus our brother and Savior, in your healing acts and words of truth and welcome, you invited all to flourish in the Reign of God. Your words of ° forgiveness set us free to be followers and disciples, bringing Good News to all creatures. Empower us with Your Spirit of compassion, truth and boldness to invite others to turn back to you, to 🗠 create Eden again. Let us be new wineskins filled with your new wine! Fill us with hope and confidence in Your ever-growing Reign, which embraces every creature and the cosmos itself.

4th Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration

REFLECTION:

In the Transfiguration Jesus shows that he is ready to give everything for the Kingdom, even going through the cross that leads to the glory of the Resurrection. Thus it is in the Transfiguration (Lk 9:28-36) that the union between the Divine and the Human was made present, demonstrating, among other things, the profound relationship between the Created and the Creator; this relationship continues to be present in everything and in everyone, especially in the face of those who suffer and in creation that groans in travail (Rm 8:22). If we stop to contemplate the pain, we could say: "At last I have seen the face of Christ in the cry of the poor, in creation".



• 10 Hail Marys...



4th Luminous Mystery: the Transfiguration

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PRAYER

Creator God we thank you for the gift of your Son. In contemplating Him, we come to know you, all good and loving God. We trust in your Ioving Providence for our life.

5th Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

REFLECTION:

In the Eucharist, the Christian community celebrates the gratitude of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the consecrated gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and human labor, generous gifts from God the Creator. It is a giving of thanks to God for these gifts and being graced by God through divine ourishment. By presenting the natural elements on "the altar of the world," the Eucharist reminds us of our responsibility to care for creation.

To celebrate the Eucharist is to recognize that God's beloved creation is offered through Christ's death and resurrection, for in it, "all creation gives thanks to God" (Laudato Si', 236). Mary, as the mother of Jesus, is deeply connected to the Eucharist. Her "yes" to God's plan at the Annunciation exemplifies self-giving and gratitude. She is the Lady of Thanksgiving.



• 10 Hail Marys...



5th Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

SILENT CONTEMPLATION



PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, feed us with your body and blood that we may be one in you. As you gave yourself as bread broken for us to have life, give us the grace to give life to all the creatures of this world by our works and dedication to the care of our common home. Amén.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

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Oh God, you created the world and sent your own Son, born of the virgin Mary to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marveling at sunrise and sunset just as we do. Help us to participate in the life around and within us as your life, as you living in us and we living in you and in each other. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

Mary, Queen of Peace and Mother of the restitution of the whole of creation, give us the wisdom, generosity and courage we need to care for the whole of creation that has been redeemed by your son.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



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