



Laudato Si'

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Annunciation

And when the angel had come to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." (Luke 1:28)

Reflection:

"Concern for others and the natural environment attunes us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us." Laudato Si'

Prayer:

Mary, full of grace, your "yes" has changed the world for many generations. Help me to know how my "yes" in everyday decisions can help save the earth.

The Visitation

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:41-42)

Reflection:

"The Creator can say to each one of us: 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you' (Jer 1:5). We were conceived in the heart of God and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." Laudato Si'

Prayer:

Mary, your love and compassion gave you the courage to seek out your cousin, Elizabeth. May I have the courage and compassion to seek out those who need encouragement to make special efforts to care for our beautiful creation.

The Birth of Jesus

She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

Reflection:

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" Laudato Si'

Prayer:

Mary, the birth of your son, Jesus, changed the world and gave us hope to change our faults, gave us joy in each moment of Presence, brought us peace, and taught us to love all living things, all people and all of creation, great and small. Help us to express Jesus' love to the earth that we touch every day.

The Presentation

When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22-23)

Reflection:

“The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion . . . Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” Laudato Si’

Prayer:

Mary, you presented Jesus in the traditions of your culture in union and love for God. May we understand that we also are part of the tradition of the ages to love God, and to care for one another, our faith, and the gifts of the earth given to us for special care and nurturance.

The Finding in the Temple

On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Luke 2:46)

Reflection:

“Today we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Laudato Si’

Prayer:

Mary, the wisdom of the ages came to you through Jesus. May we seek Jesus’ in all we do so that we are inspired, motivated, graced with His wisdom in our actions to bring care, justice, peace, and love to all creation.

Closing Prayer:

Mary, most holy, in contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary, your gift to us, may our hope, peace and joy be deepened as we learn how to bring Jesus’ love to all of creation. We believe that all our actions, smallest and greatest, can lead to conversion of ourselves and others and an end to the harm that we do to our earth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.