

Laudato Si Resource Packet

The Encyclical

To read the Encyclical online:

Visit <https://laudatosi.com>

To order a paper copy:

1. To order from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm>
2. To order from Amazon
<http://www.amazon.com/Laudato-Care-Our-Common-Home/dp/1612783864>

Study Guides

1. Readers' Guide to *Laudato Si*, by Thomas Reese, SJ – opens up the content of each chapter for individual readers or small groups.
~ *National Catholic Reporter (NCR)* Article: <http://ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/readers-guide-laudato-si>
2. USCCB *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home* by the Justice, Peace & Human Development office – a discussion guide with prayers and reflections; specific directions for conducting a discussion group are provided.
<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm>
3. Study & Action Guide *Laudato Si* Study and Action for Individuals and Small Groups by Columban Center for Advocacy Outreach – good introduction; provides study and action suggestions for understanding the letter and caring for our common home.
<http://columban.org/18043/columban-center-for-advocacy-and-outreach/ccao-updates/laudato-si-study-and-action-guide/>

4. **Supplement Study Guide by the IPJC (International Peace and Justice)** – Suggestions for Integrating *Laudato si* on Care for Our Common Home with Climate Change through large group discussions.
<http://www.ipjc.org/>
5. **Study Guide for *Laudato Si*: the Interfranciscan Commission for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation** – provided by Francis35.org – a Franciscan approach in the study of the encyclical/letter with appropriate prayers.
<http://francis35.org/pdf/laudatesi/Laudato%20Si%20Study%20Guide%20English.screen.pdf>
6. **Caring for Creation and the Poorest Among Us** by Center for concern, Education for Justice – Introduction preparing for release of Letter, followed by striking photos with quotes by Pope Francis and reflection questions; prayer for the environment.
<https://educationforjustice.org/free-files/Preparing%20for%20Pope%20Francis's%20Encyclical-Caring%20for%20Creation%20and%20the%20Poorest%20Among%20Us-060315.pdf>
7. **Catholic Climate Covenant: Care of Creation** by Center of Concern – highlights topical elements with citations from the encyclical for each topic; a call for action by individuals and study groups.
http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic_teaching/resources
8. **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home** – Study Guide by the Archdiocese of Washington, 2015 – Begins with selected scriptural texts with reflection questions; followed by chapter by chapter study guide of Letter *Laudato Si*; ends with suggested musical compositions about Nature by Beethoven, Smetana, and Vivaldi.
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-discussion-guide.pdf>

Laudato Si Prayer/Prayer Services

*While prayers are contained within most study guides, please see below for additional resources.

Prayers to Care for Creation - USCCB

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

Resources designed to help parishes incorporate **care for God's creation** and the pursuit of environmental justice into their **prayer** and liturgies.

Prayer Service to Celebrate Pope Francis' Ecological Encyclical from Center of Concern, Education for Justice

<https://educationforjustice.org/resources/prayer-service-celebrate-pope-francis%E2%80%99s-ecological-encyclical>

Includes quotes from previous Popes.

**Please note that you must be a member in order to access these documents

***Laudato Si's* Prayer for our Earth: Patheos**

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markshea/2015/07/laudato-sis-prayer-for-our-earth.html>

Media

Film Turtle World – An eight minute YouTube video providing a visual warning.

<https://youtu.be/JHRYe6ldzJI>

Eight Creation Videos by Sr. Michelle Sherliza – In Thanksgiving for Pope Francis; Thank You God, I am so Blessed.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MichelleSheriza>

Articles

Lex Credendi, lex vivendi: a Response to *Laudato Si* by Ilio Delio in Global Sisters and NCR – highlights the interconnectedness of all creation with humans as an integral part of the world's diversity and complexity. Our interrelationship calls for a conversion within the way the official Church expresses its beliefs in prayer, theology and religious rituals – especially from heaven above to earth/God up ahead.

<http://globalsistersreport.org/column/speaking-god/spirituality/lex-credendi-lex-vivendi-response-laudato-si%E2%80%99-27446>

Top Ten Takeaways from “Laudato Si” by James Martin, SJ. *America*, June 18, 2015 – lists 10 “takeaway” messages from encyclical: brings the lens of spiritual perspective into the dialogue beginning with creation as God’s gift, foci on the poor, catholic social teaching, connections with market economics, ending with a call for global dialogue and conversion of hearts and minds.
<http://americamagazine.org/top-ten-takeaways-laudato-si>

Interfaith Power and Light: a Religious Response to Global Warming – offers a wealth of resources.
<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

Islamic Climate Change Declaration, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology – calls for the 1.6 billion followers of Islam to a climate activism.
<http://islamicclimatedeclaration.org/islamic-declaration-on-global-climate-change/>

Keywords for Additional Google Searches:

*Please note that Google results may vary based upon the user.

- **Google:** Paris 2015 and Counting for connections to resources and information about this gathering of world leaders
- **Google:** Islamic perspective on climate change for many more articles supporting action to curtail climate warming.
- **Google:** Iglesia Descalza – Magna Carta of Integral Ecology – view from the margins of society through a series of blogs from those living and working with the poor
<http://iglesiadescalza.blogspot.com/2015/06/the-magna-carta-of-integral-ecology-cry.html>