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Jubilee of the Earth

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the Care of Creation
1st September

THE COURAGE TO CHANGE TO EMERGE FROM THIS PANDEMIC BETTER PRAYER | REFLECTION | EXPERIENCES

Friday, 4 of September 2020 - online for 1h

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PRAYER at the season of creation

In the midst of a world in the grip of pandemic, we celebrate the Earth Jubilee “In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.” let us ask for the courage to change!

1. A time to remember. From the memory of the heart comes fidelity

“A Jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation’s original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love.... is a time of remembrance, in which we cherish the memory of our inter-relational existence. We need constantly to remember that “everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others” (LS, 70)”.(1, Pope Francis Message 1.9.2020)

We are brothers, children of the same Father, so at the beginning of this prayer we say together **Our Father**

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

2. A time to return: To repent is not to turn back but to set out again with eyes and heart to be one with others

“A Jubilee is a time to return to God our loving Creator. We cannot live in harmony with creation if we are not at peace with the Creator who is the source and origin of all things. ... The Jubilee season calls us to think once again of our fellow human beings, especially the poor and the most vulnerable. We are asked to

re-appropriate God's original and loving plan of creation as a common heritage, a banquet which all of our brothers and sisters share in a spirit of conviviality, not in competitive scramble but in joyful fellowship, supporting and protecting one another." (2, Pope Francis Message 1.9.2020)

That is why, with the psalmist, we tell you:

Psalm 130 (129)

A song of ascents.

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

3.A time to restore: To repair is to heal, and when the foundations are repaired is to rebuild

"A Jubilee is a time for setting free the oppressed and all those shackled in the fetters of various forms of modern slavery, including trafficking in persons and child labour.... A Jubilee is a time to restore the original harmony of creation and to heal strained human relationships. It invites us to re-establish equitable societal relationships, restoring their freedom and goods to all and forgiving one another's debts." (2.4, Mensaje Papa Francisco 1 de Septiembre de 2020)

Reading of the Gospel: Lc 4,16 a 19

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Short reflection - Mons. Eduardo Garcia

4. Un tiempo para descansar y alegrarse; descansar es abrirse a la capacidad de admiración y de valoración auténtica... De la acción de gracias por el don recibido brota la alegría

“the current pandemic has led us to rediscover simpler and sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us a chance to develop new ways of living.

Already we can see how the earth can recover if we allow it to rest
¡ Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, (3, Pope Francis Message 1.9.2020)

Therefore, let us say together as St. Francis

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor,
and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your
name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your
creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light
through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his
splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister
Moon
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother
Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister
Water,
which is very useful and humble and
precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother
Fire,

through whom you light the night and he is
beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister
Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who
produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and
herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your
love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be
crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find
in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no
harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

Final blessing