

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus—the Christ,

*In accordance with a recommendation from the Midwest Provincial Chapter 2021, Brother Kenneth Haders has designated me as facilitator to disseminate available information to educate, and update, our province members and ministries in ways to preserve the integrity of our common home and actively engage in nurturing and protecting God’s creation.*

*To that end, I will periodically share, via Midwest-Midweek and other vehicles, information and resources which I hope will be helpful in reclaiming the resources of our precious planet.*

*In this first communication, I share with you the prayer which Pope Francis composed and with which he closed his powerful encyclical Laudato Si’.*

*Fraternally in Holy Cross,  
John F. Tryon, C.S.C.*



### **A Prayer for Our Earth**

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Oh God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world, and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain,  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

