

SEASON OF CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

We are all invited during this Season to renew our focus on using this prayer which became our prayer in the Year of Mercy and throughout the Mercy International Reflection Process.

Prayer for our Earth

*All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your 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.
O 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.*

Pope Francis
from *Laudato Si'*

The Mercy world has heard anew with great urgency “the cry of Earth and cry of the Poor.” It must and will respond. *Mercy Global Presence* will be a countercultural sign in a world in which globalization has made more extreme the displacement of persons and the degradation of Earth. In a world of displacement, *Mercy Global Presence* will champion inclusion. In a world of degradation of Earth, *Mercy Global Presence* will realize its oneness in the sacred communion of all creation. In this broken world, *Mercy Global Presence* will dare Mercy in a new way.

-Review of the Mercy International Reflection Process: “What has been discovered? What has been revealed?”
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