
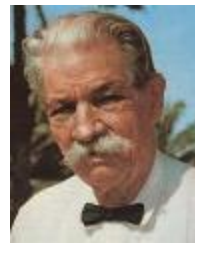
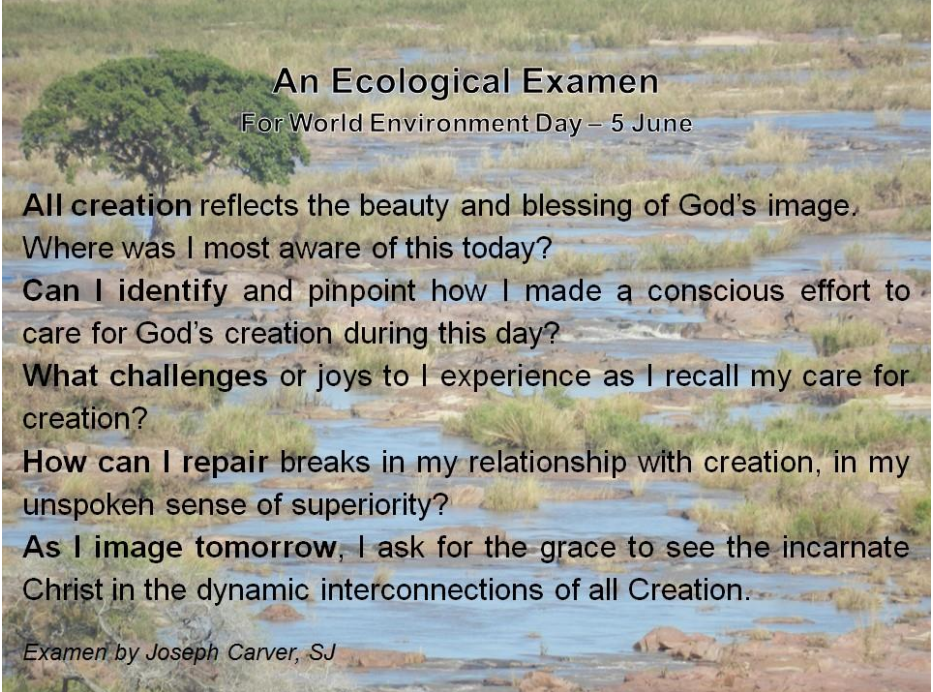




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June 2019 Environmental Prayer Diary

(The purpose of this Prayer Diary is to provide subjects for your reflection and prayer as the Spirit moves you)

<p>Saturday</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>"We are treating our planet in an inhuman, godless manner precisely because we fail to see it as a gift inherited from above. Our original sin with regard to the natural environment lies in our refusal to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and neighbour on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that divine and human meet in the slightest detail contained in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust."</p> <p><i>His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew</i></p>	
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>God of the sun and moon, of the mountains, deserts and plains, God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes and streams, God of all creatures that live and move on this sacred Earth, we are formed by Christ into your people called to bring the world into your marvellous light. May we know our ecological vocation so that we will care for this earth which you have created. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	
<p>Monday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>"I knew that a system of values which concerns itself only with our relationship to other people is incomplete and therefore lacking in power for good. Only by means of reverence for life can we establish a spiritual and humane relationship with both people and all living creatures within our reach."</p> <p><i>Dr Albert Schweitzer</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>4</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>An Ecological Examen For World Environment Day – 5 June</p> <p>All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image. Where was I most aware of this today? Can I identify and pinpoint how I made a conscious effort to care for God's creation during this day? What challenges or joys to I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I repair breaks in my relationship with creation, in my unspoken sense of superiority? As I image tomorrow, I ask for the grace to see the incarnate Christ in the dynamic interconnections of all Creation.</p> <p><i>Examen by Joseph Carver, SJ</i></p> </div>	

Wednesday

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World Environment Day

2019 Theme – “Beat Air pollution!”

“We can’t stop breathing. But we can do something about the quality of our air”

Air pollution is defined as “degradation of air quality with negative effects on human health or the natural or built environment due to the introduction, by natural processes or human activity, into the atmosphere of substances (gases, aerosols) which have a direct (primary pollutants) or indirect (secondary pollutants) harmful effect.” The quality of the air we breathe depends on the lifestyle choices we make every day.



Erupting volcanoes, earthquakes, dust storms and meteorites smashing into the Earth’s crust are natural phenomena that can cause climate change and air pollution: dinosaurs may have met their end after a giant meteorite kicked up so much dust that it blocked out the sun for decades, reducing photosynthesis and preventing the growth of plants.

Adding to these potential threats, human-kind are now contributing to air pollution and global warming through our resource-intensive lifestyles. We’re producing and consuming more than ever before, and we’re generating more greenhouse gases as a result, as well as air pollutants in the form of chemicals and particulate matter.

Although they may seem to be two very different issues, climate change and air pollution are closely interlinked, so by reducing air pollution we also protect the climate. Air pollutants include more than just greenhouse gases—principally carbon dioxide but also methane, nitrous oxide and others - but there’s a big overlap: the two often interact with each other.

Switching to renewable sources of energy is an important part of the solution to both climate change and air pollution. Our immediate task is to cut down on the release of long-lived greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.

Prayerfully consider what are **YOU** doing to reduce your emissions footprint and [#BeatAirPollution?](#)

Prayer:


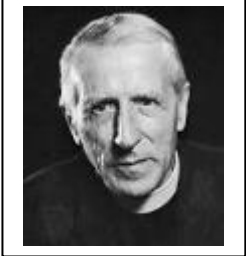
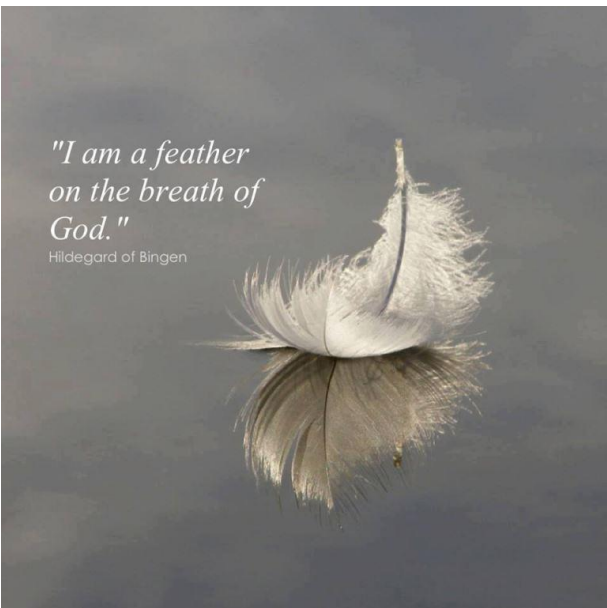
God of all creation, as we look at the environment, your divine power and immense love are ever present. We thank you for the beautiful creation and abundant resources you have provided your children. We ask for your help in revealing how we can be better stewards of your creation. Help us to use only the resources we need, never being selfish by taking more than necessary. Please give us the opportunity to appropriately share our wealth with those who are less fortunate instead of disposing of our surplus. Help us to remember that the environment is home to all life and that we must take up the responsibility to ensure all life is respected. We thank you for this day and ask for your blessing on this journey.

Amen.



<p>Thursday</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, from the rising of the sun to its setting your glory is proclaimed in all the world. As I rejoice in knowing you and loving you, open my mouth to tell of your love and let my life witness each day to your glory Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Rev David Adam "Affirming his presence"</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>SDG Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics <p>Pray that this goal may be achieved – time is running out</p>
<p>Saturday</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>2019 theme: "Together we can protect and restore our ocean"</p> <p>We live nowhere near the ocean and ask ourselves how we can possibly be involved with this year's World Ocean Day Theme of "Together we can protect and restore our ocean". Actually very easily!</p> <p>Every time we "B.Y.O.B." – and refuse the plastic bag that we are offered at till points, we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Every time we refuse single use plastics (straws, cutlery etc), we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Every time we make an Eco-brick, we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Every time we check that the fish we are eating is sustainably caught, we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Every time we recycle responsibly, we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Every time we pick up litter - whether on the beach or on our pavement, we <i>protect and restore our ocean</i></p> <p>Yes - Together we CAN protect and restore our ocean!</p> <p>Prayer: God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the ocean depths, we celebrate the wondrous design of the seas that surround us. Help us to discern how we have polluted our oceans and to empathize with the groaning of creation. Teach us to know the presence of God in the tides and currents of the seven seas. Teach us to care for the oceans and all our waterways. In the name of the Wisdom of God, the creative force that designs and governs all creation. Amen</p>



<p>Sunday</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>Pentecost</p> <p>Wind Representing God’s first breath of love (Ruah) into all of creation. A “driving wind” surrounded the apostles on that first Pentecost to strengthen them in their faith. The breath of the Holy Spirit – and sometimes a gusting wind – strengthens and challenges God’s people on their faith journey.</p> <p>Fire Representing the Holy Spirit, who filled the apostles with enthusiasm, replacing their fear with the courage to go forth and share Christ’s story. “Tongues of fire ... came to rest on each one of them.”</p> <p>Red The colour of liturgical vestments on Pentecost, representing the dynamism of the Holy Spirit and the zeal of those who open their hearts to the Spirit.</p> <p>Water Representing new life and the commitment first made at the time of our baptism and renewed throughout our faith lives.</p> <p>Dove Representing the Holy Spirit that descended “like a dove” and hovered over Jesus when he was baptized. Symbol of peace.</p>	
<p>Monday</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>“How great is the mystery of the first cells which were one day animated by the breath of our souls! How impossible to decipher the welding of successive influences in which we are forever incorporated! In each one of us, through matter, the whole history of the world is in part reflected.”</p> <p>Pierre Teilhard de Chardin</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>11</p>	 <p><i>"I am a feather on the breath of God."</i> Hildegard of Bingen</p>	

Matthew 13 The Message (MSG)***A Harvest Story***

13 ¹⁻³ At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

³⁻⁸ “What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

⁹ “Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

¹⁰ The disciples came up and asked, “Why do you tell stories?”

¹¹⁻¹⁵ He replied, “You’ve been given insight into God’s kingdom. You know how it works. Not everybody has this gift, this insight; it hasn’t been given to them. Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears. That’s why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward receptive insight. In their present state they can stare till doomsday and not see it, listen till they’re blue in the face and not get it. I don’t want Isaiah’s forecast repeated all over again:

Your ears are open but you don’t hear a thing.

Your eyes are awake but you don’t see a thing.

The people are blockheads!

They stick their fingers in their ears
so they won’t have to listen;

They screw their eyes shut

so they won’t have to look,

so they won’t have to deal with me face-to-face

and let me heal them.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ “But you have God-blessed eyes—eyes that see! And God-blessed ears—ears that hear! A lot of people, prophets and humble believers among them, would have given anything to see what you are seeing, to hear what you are hearing, but never had the chance.

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ “Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn’t take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person’s heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

²⁰⁻²¹ “The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

²² “The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

²³ “The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”



Thursday

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The Great Chain of Being

All of Nature Has Soul Friday, February 6, 2015

Love is a deep empathy with the other's "Beingness." You recognize yourself, your essence, in the other. And so you can no longer inflict suffering on the other. - Eckhart Tolle

Eco-spirituality allows you to start seeing your own soul imaged and given back to you in the soul of everything else, because people who have allowed their own soul to be awakened will recognize that soul in other places too! Soulless people will not see that. Once you are reconnected, it's no longer a disenchanted universe, but in fact, quite the opposite.

If we realized we were connected, we could never have poured chemicals and pollutants into the rivers of the world. We could never have filled the earth with trash and garbage and eternal plastic and Styrofoam if we had experienced the soul of the world or if we had suffered, as the Latin poet Virgil wrote, "the tears of things." But the material world was of no consequence to most of us. The world was just here as a backdrop while we humans tried to "get to heaven." Please notice that the Bible ends with a promise of "a new heavens and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1). The whole Earth and all of creation is participating in God's loving redemption, liberation, and salvation. Stingy people manufactured quite a stingy God, whose love was anything but infinite, eternal, or perfect. As a result most people just lost interest. (If you doubt me, look at the dismal European and American statistics around religion.)

Our lovely theory of redemption increasingly applied to only humans, and then fewer and fewer of them. Once the scarcity model takes over, it just keeps moving! Later Christian history did not envision God saving humanity/history as a whole, but just individuals. The genius of the Hebrew Scriptures, which formed Jesus, was that God was saving Israel, history, humanity! It was very different from our much later notion of God saving isolated people here and there—because they were "nice," and even that niceness was largely determined by the cultural and ethnic standards of each era. This was not necessarily a love of Jesus or a participation in God's "salvation history"; it was getting Jesus to participate in our little project. We could not believe in God's infinite victory, so we created a small victory where we could determine the outcome. We ended up with a simplistic reward/punishment contest at which very few would consider themselves even candidates for the contest.

Try reversing this oft used statement: "Jesus came to fulfill us" to "We have come to fulfill Christ." We are each invited to offer our unique and little selves "to create a unity in the work of service and thus build up the Body" (Ephesians 4:12). We are part of a movement of the ever-growing Cosmic Christ that is coming to be in "one great big act of giving birth" (Romans 8: 22-23). In Christ, "everything is reconciled, in heaven and on Earth" (Colossians 1:17). The eternal Christ saves us all by including us all. And we are all saved, largely in spite of ourselves, by grace and mercy—no exceptions! That is the perfection of the divine victory.

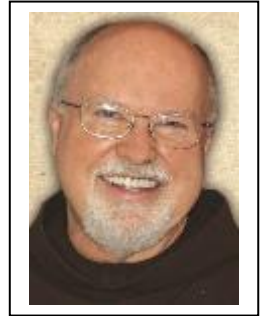
So it's not about being correct: it's about being connected. When you are connected to the whole chain, held in the nest of being, you can easily live out of a worldview of infinite and divine abundance rather than a "not enough love to go around" model that only creates fearful, fighting, and stingy people, pushing themselves to the front of the line because they are afraid there is not enough of God to fill and free everything.

Gateway to Silence:

Loving God in creation

From **Richard Rohr's** daily meditations

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Friday

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Song of the Waters

Melody: Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

Watch once more the windswept
storm clouds;
Suddenly the sky has wings!
God has come to rain among us,
Giving hope to all dry things.
Sing a song of splashing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of
Earth.



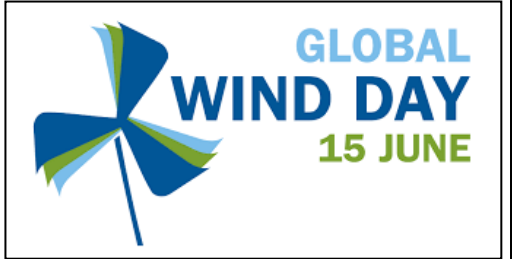

Taste the moisture of the
morning,
Smoother than the best red wine;
Toast the lifeblood of the planet:
Here's to God's great vast design!
Sing a song of flowing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.

View anew the dark blue ocean,
Whales cavorting, spraying foam;
God at play with deep sea
monsters,
Feeling very much at home.
Sing a song of laughing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.

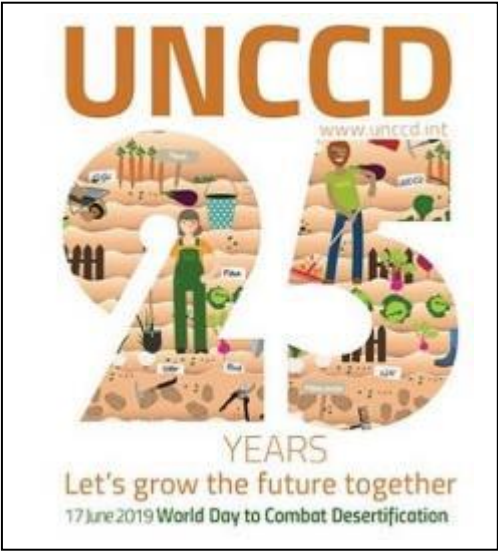


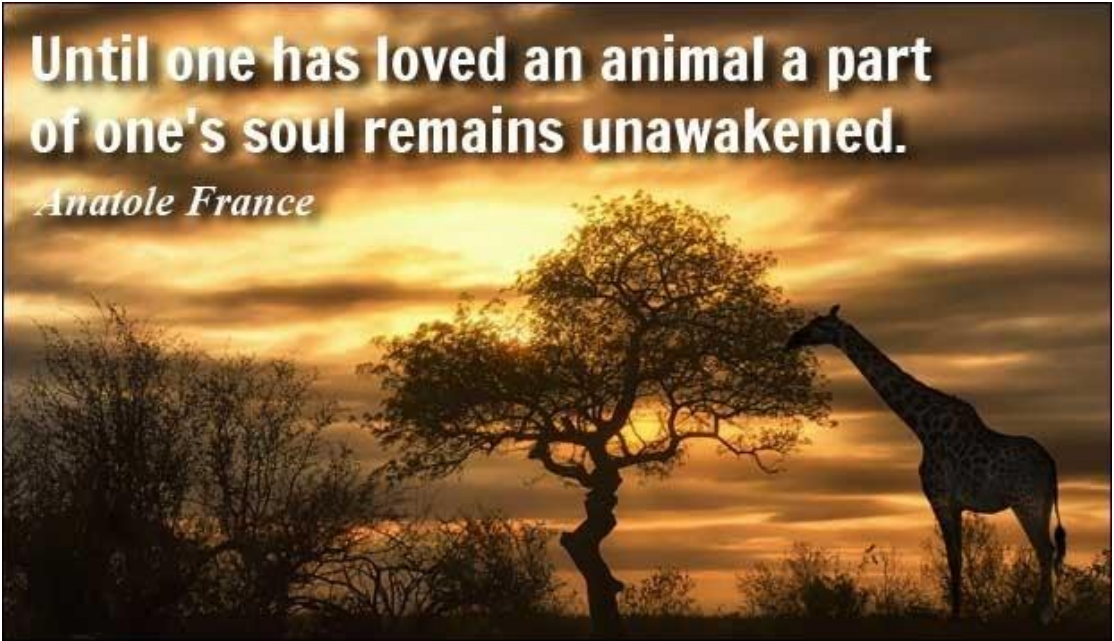
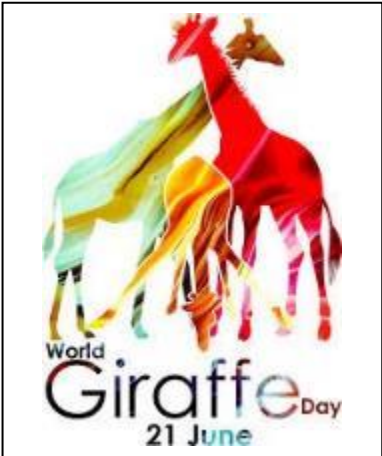
Feel the breath of God move softly,
Gentle mists that brush the skin;
Earth is breathing God's own spirit,
Life renewed from deep within.
Sing a song of living waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.

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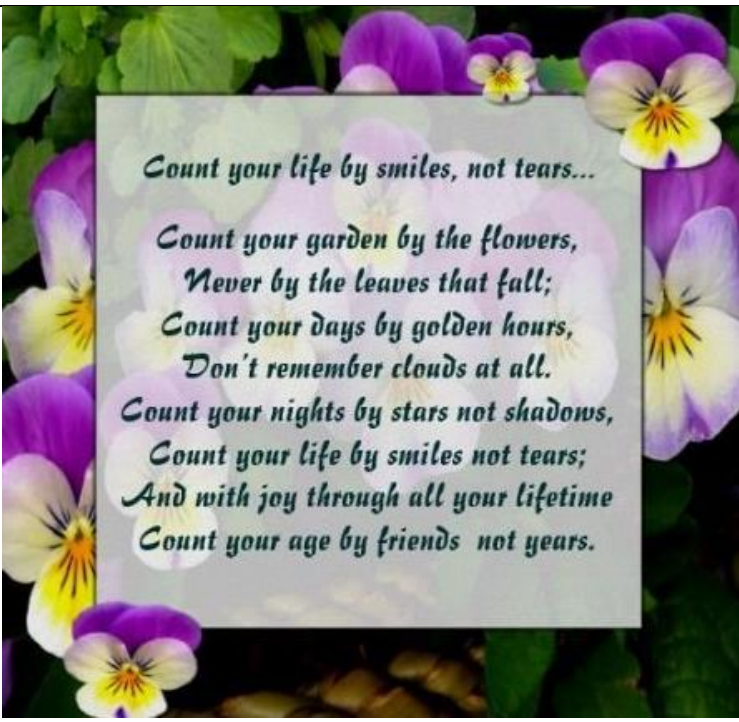
<p>Saturday</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>Global Wind Day</p> <p>Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on 15 June. It is a day for discovering wind, its power and the possibilities it holds to change our world. It is also a day for discovery of the work that has already begun by pioneers around the world. In more than 80 countries around the world, wind farms are in operation, generating energy from a clean and renewable source.</p> <p>Thousands of individuals are involved in the production of energy from the wind, but for many people, wind energy is a mystery.</p> <p>Pray today for all those who are researching and establishing clean and renewable energy from this remarkable power source.</p> <p>Lord, my God, you are great indeed! You spread out the heavens like a tent; setting the beams of your chambers upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; traveling on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers; flaming fire, your ministers. When you hide your face, they panic. Take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.</p> <p>Send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth. Who has gone up to heaven and come down again - who has cupped the wind in the hollow of the hand? Who has bound up the waters in a cloak - who has established all the ends of the earth? For I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. Whatever the LORD desires He does in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all the depths. It is He who raises storm clouds from the end of the earth, makes lightning for the rain, and brings forth wind from His storehouse.</p>	
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>Youth day</p> <p>Nothing compares to that childhood feeling of total awe in nature – the fluttering birds, the towering trees, the itty-bitty bugs - when everything seems like a new and exciting opportunity for exploration. But with children spending less time outdoors than ever before, some children rarely have this opportunity anymore. The absence of nature can impact their health, creativity and social skills.</p> <p>Studies show outdoor time helps children grow lean and strong, enhances imaginations and spend time in nature regularly are shown to become better stewards of the environment.</p> <p>Prayerfully consider how you can encourage more children love nature.</p> <p>Lord, Shine your truth into our hearts. May we hear you in music, see you in art and experience you through the love and care of family, friends and teachers. Build your hope into our lives. May we sense this hope rise in our hearts as we encounter the power of nature, the majesty of the oceans and the beauty in creation. Amen</p>	

<p>Monday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>World Day to Combat Desertification</p> <p>2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), so this year's campaign will run under the slogan '25 YEARS – Let's grow the future together'.</p> <p>Desertification is a type of land degradation in which a relatively dry land region becomes increasingly arid, typically losing its bodies of water as well as vegetation and wildlife. It is caused by a variety of factors, such as climate change, urbanization, over-drafting of groundwater, deforestation, natural disasters and tillage practices in agriculture that place soils more vulnerable to wind. Desertification is a significant global ecological and environmental problem and across the world it affects livelihood and health of millions of people who depend on the benefits of ecosystems that drylands provides.</p> <p>The World Day to Combat Desertification is a unique occasion to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels.</p> <p>Prayer: Lord God, we pray that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move in the hearts of men and women and among those who govern the nations that the barriers of fear, suspicion and hatred which separate us may crumble, and the body of humankind may be healed of its divisions and be united in addressing the serious problems of resource depletion, overpopulation and climate change all of which problems lead to the desertification of our land and ultimately food insecurity. Lead us to truth and action. In Jesus name we pray Amen</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>“To stand at the edge of the sea, to sense the ebb and flow of the tides, to feel the breath of a mist moving over a great salt marsh, to watch the flight of shore birds that have swept up and down the surf lines of the continents for untold thousands of years, to see the running of the old eels and the young shad to the sea, is to have knowledge of things that are as nearly eternal as any earthly life can be.”</p> <p><i>Rachel Carson</i></p>



<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>O glorious Lord your whole creation sings Your marvellous work; May heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p><i>From Daily Prayer, Services and Prayers of the Church of England</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>20</p>	 <p>Until one has loved an animal a part of one's soul remains unawakened. <i>Anatole France</i></p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>World Giraffe Day</p> <p>One of the world's most iconic animals, the giraffe, has slipped silently onto the Endangered Species List.</p> <p>Whilst giraffes are commonly seen in game reserves, in the media and in zoos, people - including conservationists - are unaware that these majestic animals are undergoing a silent extinction. Years of habitat destruction and poaching have reduced giraffe numbers by 40 percent, prompting the IUCN to move them from “<i>least concern</i>” to the “<i>vulnerable</i>” category for the first time.</p> <p>With a this decline in the last three decades alone, the world's tallest animal is under severe pressure in some of its core ranges across East, Central and West Africa. Poaching of elephants and rhinoceros and the illegal trade in pangolins has overshadowed the problems with giraffes in the last decade.</p> <p>Pray for all those concerned with this majestic animal's safety.</p> 

<p>Saturday</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>Reflection: Pope Francis - Laudato Si</p> <p>“52. The foreign debt of poor countries has become a way of controlling them, yet this is not the case where ecological debt is concerned. In different ways, developing countries, where the most important reserves of the biosphere are found, continue to fuel the development of richer countries at the cost of their own present and future. The land of the southern poor is rich and mostly unpolluted, yet access to ownership of goods and resources for meeting vital needs is inhibited by a system of commercial relations and ownership which is structurally perverse. The developed countries ought to help pay this debt by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy and by assisting poorer countries to support policies and programmes of sustainable development. The poorest areas and countries are less capable of adopting new models for reducing environmental impact because they lack the wherewithal to develop the necessary processes and to cover their costs. We must continue to be aware that, regarding climate change, there are <i>differentiated responsibilities</i>. As the United States bishops have said, greater attention must be given to “the needs of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests”.^[31] We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.”</p> <p>Prayerfully reflect on this</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>God of all Creation, At the beginning of time You placed a single mandate on humankind To be stewards of Creation To replenish and nurture all generations What you have made</p> <p>We kneel today amid that same Creation- A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever But, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition</p> <p>Turn us from our unmindfulness Help our tough be light Help us renew the worlds that supports us So we may once more know Creation As it was in the beginning</p> <p>Amen</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>“I stood willingly and gladly in the characters of everything - other people, trees, clouds. And this is what I learned, that the world's otherness is antidote to confusion - that standing within this otherness - the beauty and the mystery of the world, out in the fields or deep inside books - can re-dignify the worst-stung heart.”</p> <p>Mary Oliver</p> <div data-bbox="1278 1720 1533 2011" data-label="Image"> </div>

<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>“The Lord answered Job out of the storm and said: ‘Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? . . . Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? Tell me if you understand. who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line along it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?’”</p> <p>Job 38.1-7</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”</p> <p>Thomas Merton <i>Thoughts in Solitude (1956)</i></p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Christ has no body now on earth but ours, No hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which looks out Christ’s compassion to the world; Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Ours are the hands with which he blesses his people daily. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amen.</p>

<p>Saturday</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Particular threats outlined by the IPPR report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity loss: since 1970: the world has lost 60% of its vertebrate animal species. • Biochemical flows: phosphorus and nitrogen from farms is entering our waters as run-off, creating dead zones which have too little oxygen to support life. • Land use: 75% of the world's land suffers from soil erosion and other degradation, leading to a drop in crop yields. • Ocean acidification: CO₂ absorption is increasing acidity at an accelerating rate, damaging marine life. • Pollution: we face multiple threats from industrial and transport emissions, dust from farming and pesticides, radioactive materials, plastics and other pollutants <p>However, the ozone layer gives us a rare example of the world mustering the political will to reverse damage to a natural system by agreeing to ban CFC chemicals that were wearing a hole in the protective ozone layer.</p> <p>Pray that the World's Leaders will have the political will to consider the environment in all their deliberations.</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Entrusted with an earthly home our minds did not create or build, We live as visitors and guests Until our years have been fulfilled. Through centuries, without concern for all the grandeur and the grace, We've taken beauty from the earth and left it poor – a barren place. Our carelessness has clogged the streams, which once were clear and sparkling strands, Our industries have blacked the skies, and left a smog on all our lands. O God, we've been ungrateful guests, upon this earth which you designed; Within our time, help us restore our blighted world for all mankind</p> <p><i>Jean Carriott</i></p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>31</p>	