

Global prayer vigil for Earth on the occasion of COP27

Welcome:

- Teresa Blumenstein, Global Coordinator of the Justice Coalition of Religious
- Giulia Isabel Cirillo, Advocacy Project Coordinator for the International Union of Superiors General (UISG)
- Patrizia Morgante, Communications Manager of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

Invocation: “Veni Sancti Spiritu” from Sr. Rosmary Apazo, CMS

First Reading: Prayer by Wendy Janzen

Read by Sr. Offline Ocius, SPC; Patrizia Morgante (UISG); Sr. Beatriz Maritnez, SSND; and Sr. Teresa Kotturan, SCN

<p>FRENCH Reader: Sr. Offline Ocius, SPC</p> <p>Une prière de Wendy Janzen :</p> <p>Nous remercions en ce jour pour le soleil, la lune, et les étoiles, qui éclairent notre chemin, illuminant la beauté, qui donnent de l'énergie à toute vie.</p>	<p>We give thanks this day for the sun, moon, and stars, lighting our way, illuminating beauty, energizing all life.</p>
<p>ITALIAN Reader:</p> <p>Oggi ringraziamo per la terra sotto di noi, roccia solida e terra viva, fondamento e fertilità, supporto e sostegno.</p>	<p>We give thanks this day for the ground beneath us, solid rock and living soil, foundation and fertility, supporting and sustaining.</p>

<p>SPANISH Reader: Sr. Beatriz Martinez, SSND</p> <p>Damos gracias en este día por el agua de la vida, la lluvia y los ríos, los océanos y los glaciares, que fluyen y hidratan. Damos gracias en este día por el cielo, el aire y el viento aliento animador, intercambio sagrado, inspirando y conectando.</p>	<p>We give thanks this day for the water of life, rain and rivers, oceans and glaciers, flowing and hydrating. We give thanks this day for sky, air, and wind, animating breath, sacred interchange, inspiring and connecting.</p>
<p>ENGLISH Reader: Sr. Teresa Kotturan, SCN</p> <p>For all four elements and the ways they work together, for all creatures, for all places, for life and death, we offer our deepest gratitude to Creator of all.</p>	<p>For all four elements and the ways they work together, for all creatures, for all places, for life and death, we offer our deepest gratitude to Creator of all.</p>
<p>All: Amen</p>	<p>All: Amen</p>

Song « Mon Dieu, tu es grand tu es bon... » [played in French]

English:

By the heavens before You, splendour and majesty
By the infinitely great, the infinitely small
And by the firmament, your starry mantle
And by brother sun, I want to shout:

My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
You are the God of Love
My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
God present in all creation.

By all the oceans and seas
By all the continents and by the water of the rivers
By the fire that tells you like a burning bush
And by the wing of the wind, I want to cry out:

My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God

You are the God of Love
My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
God present in all creation.

In all the mountains and valleys
By the shade of the forests and by the flowers of the fields
By the buds of the trees and the grass of the meadows
By the wheat in the ears, I want to cry out:

My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
You are the God of Love
My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
God present in all creation.

Through all the animals of the earth and water
By the song of the birds, by the song of life,
By the man you made just less than you
And by all his children, I want to cry out:

My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
You are the God of Love
My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
God present in all creation.

By this outstretched hand that invites to dance
By this kiss that springs from a burst of hope
By this look of love that lifts and warms
By the bread and the wine, I want to cry out:

My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
You are the God of Love
My God, you are great, you are beautiful!
Living God, Most High God
God present in all creation.

Second Reading: Story of Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-12)
Read by Giulia Isabel Cirillo (UISG)
[Read in Italian; displayed in Spanish and English]

Song “Aleluya de la Tierra” by Brotes de Olivo
[played in Spanish]

English:

Who wants to resurrect this world that is dying?
Who will sing the hallelujah of that new light that is coming?
Who, when they look at the earth and the tragedies they observe, will feel in their heart the pain of those who are dying?

Who is able to save this decaying world
And maintain the hope of the many who lose it?
The one who suffers, kills and dies, despairs and goes mad
And others are spectators; they do not feel it.

Who will bring down from the cross so many a suffering Christ
While we humans look on, impassive and indolent?
Who cries out from the silence of beings that are sacred
Because they have become words that are understood without speaking?

Who becomes hallelujah because they translates death
Like wheat that falls and hundreds come from one?
Hallelujah will sing, who has lost hope
And the earth will smile, hallelujah!

Third Reading: An adaptation of the poem “what they did yesterday afternoon” by Warsan Shire

Read by Sr. Sarudzai Mutero, OP

[Read in English; displayed in Spanish & French]

Litany of Sacred Places: Prayer leaders will recite place names slowly at this time.

Response (after each place name): “Sancta terra”

If you have a candle or small light, illuminate it when the name of your place is read.

Earth adoration: As imagery is displayed, you are invited to type in the chat box your prayer intention for the leaders of government, business, and civil society who are meeting on Sinai for these days of COP27.

Closing mantra:

Offline Ocius: [Enlevons nos chaussures.](#)

Patrizia Morgante: [Togliamoci le scarpe.](#)

Beatriz Martinez: **Quitémonos los zapatos.**

Teresa Kotturan: Let us take off our shoes.

Offine Ocius: **Nous sommes sur une terre sainte.**

Patrizia Morgante: **Siamo su una terra santa.**

Beatriz Martinez: **Pisamos tierra sagrada.**

Teresa Kotturan: We stand on holy ground.

Sending Forth:

Song “Shoeless” by Sr. Paula Jordão, FMVD

Shoeless

Paula Jordão – Rome, Nov 2022

Shoeless on this holy ground
Pilgrims on your sacred world
Make us poor, make us whole
Make us humble and respectful
That’s our prayer as we walk

Camminiamo a piedi nudi
Pellegrini su questo mondo
Rende ci poveri, rende ci umili
Costruttori e costruttrice di pace
Questa è la nostra preghiera

Caminhamos de pés descalços
Peregrinas no Teu mundo
Faz-nos pobres e humildes
Com respeito e gratidão
Esta é a nossa oração

Nous marchons, pieds nus
Pèlerins de ton monde
Rends-nous pauvres et humbles
Cocréateurs et cocréatrices de cette terre sainte
Voici notre prière

**Caminamos sin zapatos
Peregrinos de esta tierra
Haz-nos pobres, haznos mansos
Cuidadores de tu mundo
Esta es nuestra oración**

Shoeless on this holy ground
Pilgrims on your sacred world
Make us poor, make us whole
Make us humble and respectful
That’s our prayer as we walk
That’s our prayer as we walk
Through this world