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FAITH IN ACTION AT COP31

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Prayer Guide for the "*Jesuits for Climate Justice: Faith in Action at COP31*" Campaign.

As the world gathers in Antalya, Türkiye, for COP31, the Society of Jesus continues walking the journey towards socio-environmental justice. Grounded in faith and solidarity, this global campaign seeks to lift up the voices of communities already bearing the heaviest consequences of the climate crisis and calls for courageous and urgent action.

Our shared advocacy focuses on three calls:

1. **The urgent need for a just and equitable energy transition.**
2. **More robust and accessible funds for Adaptation and for Losses and Damages.**
3. **Food systems based on agroecology and food sovereignty, as well as on the knowledge, rights and leadership of local communities.**

Inspired by the fourth Universal Apostolic Preference—to collaborate in the care of our Common Home—this guide is an invitation to prayer, reflection, and renewed commitment. May it help us to listen deeply to the cry of the Earth and the cry of Creation, seek God's wisdom, and find the courage to embrace the ecological conversion our time demands.

This guide is the fruit of collaboration across the Society of Jesus. It brings together drawings by students from the International Federation of Fe y Alegría, Sint-Jan Berchmanscollege, and Pulangiyēn Youth (RAOEN) with reflections from Jesuit Scholastics responding to students worldwide who participated in the "Letters to the Earth" Education Initiative.

As we reflect on their words and the images they have been inspired to create, let us pray together. May our shared hope become concrete and sustained action for our common home and our future.

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RAOEN

FE Y ALEGRÍA



MARIA EVELYN BRAVO - PULANGIYĒN YOUTH (RAOEN - MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES)

COP31 PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you deeply for the gift of life, daily blessings, and guidance. Please protect all people from calamities that can happen around the world.

We pray, may leaders at the COP31 act on the voices of poorer countries and find renewed courage in their mission to serve all, never stopping to remind us of our relationship with our planet.

God, touch the hearts of the people that they may remain steadfast in confronting the changes in our climate and extractive economy.

We, the Indigenous peoples of all territories and biomes, united with many other sisters and brothers of the Earth, come together in one spirit to implore care for all life; grant us the grace to honour our ancestors and the ongoing creative gift of life.

May this prayer be lived out for the good of everyone in the whole world. Amen.

RAOEN

Prayer of the Pulangiyēn Youth (RAOEN - Mindanao, Philippines)
Eneriza Menaling, Mar John Linggay, and Claire Acido



"VÉTHEUIL EN ÉTÉ - MONET" - SINT-JAN BERCHMANSCOLLEGE, BELGIUM

DAILY PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS FOR COP31



"DEFEND ME, DO NOT HURT ME" - FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

Dear Honorable Mr. President,

Tirow and Fairo from Mabuchi Hill

I am very honored as I am writing to you with respect from the heart of the Chuuk lagoon. I currently attend Xavier High School in Chuuk State as a 2026 senior student and I am from the outer islands of Chuuk, the Moshulock, specifically from the islands of Kuttu and Satowan. Recently, I have been thinking about one of the most devastating issues that lies before our shores and beyond our horizons: climate change. As fellow islander, I hope you will share my following concerns.

As of now, the the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) stand on the frontline of this crisis with many sovereign neighbors, such as the Republic of Marshall Islands, Kiribati, and the Republic of Palau. Rising sea levels in the outer islands, along with intensified storms and coral bleaching are part of the reality we live in. Climate change is no stranger to our shores as it is often caused by excessive burning of fossil fuels, reckless polluting, and deforestation. From upon first-hand research within my education and from my backyard, I have felt the harm of climate change. It is by the strong will to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future, that I look forward to the voice of the land, the sea, the people, and to you.

Thus, I humbly urge your consideration and leadership into taking this matter into your own hands. At the same time, I hope for your administration to thoroughly invest in sustainable fisheries, renewable energy, climate change education in schools, and climate community-based projects against climate change. Your voice carries the weight of our people for the goodness of our islands. Let the world know of our paddling.

Sincerely,

Miyah M. Yasu

St. Xavier High School, Laudato Si' Club
Micronesia

MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

The greatest tragedy is not that the sea is rising, but that our hearts have not risen to meet it. This letter reminds me that climate change is not only an environmental crisis—it is a crisis of the human heart.

The people of Kuttu and Satowan live with the sea as a daily reality, while many of us remain untouched, protected by comfort and convenience. Yet the suffering of our neighbor does not become less real simply because we do not feel it ourselves.

St. Ignatius invite us to *sentir* (to feel): to enter with our whole being into another's reality. Through the application of the senses taught to us in the Spiritual Exercises: may we hear the waves they fear, feel the ground beneath them disappearing, and allow their story to become our own.

Jesus was never distant from creation; He prayed on mountains, walked upon the sea, and revealed God's Kingdom through the rhythms of nature. May we recover that sacred connectedness, choosing not what is easiest for ourselves, but what gives life to our neighbors and to our common home.

PRAYER

Lord, awaken in us hearts that can truly feel.
When comfort blinds us, lead us back to creation.
May the cries of our sisters and brothers become our own,
and may their hope become our mission.
Give us the courage to choose love over convenience,
justice over indifference,
and Your Kingdom over ourselves.
Amen.

FRANCESCO JANNE YUSIKEE LABUNTOG, SJ

ihs JESUIT CONFERENCE of ASIA PACIFIC



"ANIMALS ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR ECOSYSTEMS AND WE SHOULD PROTECT THEM."
- TAYLOR UCHUBANDA, FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR (OSCAR ROMERO)

Centre Catholique Universitaire (CCU)
Bangui, Central African Republic

POEM ON ECOLOGY

Theme: An ailing environment and reviving hope

I keep hope, even as the Earth coughs and its forests fade,
beneath the smoke, the rivers struggle.

The air grows heavy with our excesses, and the ocean weeps for our waste.
The glaciers melt, the seas rise, the soil erodes, the wind dies down.
The birds flee, the flowers fall silent, and humanity finally wonders,
uneasy at last.

But in this world that staggers, I still dream of sparks:
Fields nourished without pesticides, green cities, clear seas.
I want to plant more than words—proud trees, standing taller.

Recycle, share, do not waste, give the Earth the right to breathe.
I want the school of conscience, clean energy, kindness.
Hands united to repair, and the future to preserve.

As Pope Francis wrote in his Encyclical Laudato Si', paragraph 14: *"We need a conversation that unites us all, because the environmental challenge we face, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."*

For if the Earth is sick today, our love can be its healing balm. A breath of hope, a human gesture, and the environment will be better tomorrow.

Presented by: Jolidon Christian MAMADOU

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Sacred Scripture shows that God is close to the poor, listens to their cry, and comes to their help (Psalm 34). This conviction forms the heart of our Jesuit mission at COP31.

We believe in a God who continues to hear the cry of the poor today - those in rural communities, coastal villages, indigenous communities, and poor households who bear the devastating impacts of the ecological crisis despite contributing far less to global emissions.

Our advocacy at COP31 is based on our experiences with the lived realities of poor and marginalised people. Our encounters with them propel us to ask leaders at all levels to listen with compassion and empathy to the cry of the poor and respond not with political debate and rhetoric but by working towards building and strengthening the resilience of poor communities to the ecological crisis according to God's justice.

PRAYER

Lord, you never despise the cry of the poor.
Open the hearts of our leaders to hear the cry of the poor
and those most affected by climate change.
Lead us Jesuits and our partners in mission to become
your instruments in all our ministries
advocating fiercely for the poor.
Amen.

REUBEN NAZOMBE, SJ

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Conferência dos Jesuítas de África e Madagascar



"LET US CARE FOR THE WINGS OF NATURE, DO NOT LET THEM DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE." - LESLEY B., FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

Let's Take Care of the Planet



Fe y Alegría
GUATEMALA

The Earth: in your bosom, life flourishes from the seed of the great harvest. Your green, blue, and brown skin is the home of all creation.

From the heights of the mountains, to the depths of the sea, your beauty amazes us and your existence breathes life into us.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

The letter to the Earth invites us to contemplate the Earth with wonder: a seed becoming a harvest, the green of forests, the blue of the seas, the soil that nourishes us, and the rivers that give life.

This is not the world around us. This is our Common Home. Our home is asking sfor concrete helps. More than 80% of the world's energy still comes from fossil fuels, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. Our Earth is around 1.5 °C warmer than in pre- industrial times.

Behind these numbers are real lives: the communities displaced, livelihoods threatened, creation wounded, and children inheriting what we choose today. Pope Francis reminds us that the cry of the Earth is inseparable from the cry of the poor (Laudato Si', 2015).

So, what shall we choose? May our journey beyond fossil fuels awaken a change within us: to consume less, care more, and live responsibly towards our common home.

PRAYER

Creator of all life, We thank you for the gift of our common home.
Open our hearts to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
Give us courage to live responsibly,
protect the vulnerable, and make choices that help our
Earth flourish for generations to come.
Amen.

LLOYD RONALD LOBO, SJ

JESUIT CONFERENCE OF SOUTH ASIA



"TREAT ANIMALS THE SAME WAY YOU WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED." - JENNIFER, FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

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To the COP31 Delegates,

Recently, I have started to notice more and more the effects of climate change not only on us in our own communities but also in other communities around the world; I have decided to take the Environmental Science class and the Global Perspectives class at St. Xavier High School because of this change in perspective.

What has concerned me the most is the effect that climate change overall has on marginalized groups, specifically on the city of Lima, Peru, and its human settlements. When I went to Peru on the St. X Service and Immersion trip in the summer of 2025, I saw firsthand how global warming and its consequences affect the city. The city of Lima heavily relies on glacial melt from the Rio Lurin, Rio Chillon, and Rio Rimac and receives an average of about 5 mm of rain per year. The retreat of glaciers caused by global warming poses a significant problem for the people there, especially those who live in the poorest parts and in human settlements.

As the saying goes, “The ancestors plant the trees; the descendants enjoy the shade.” We must act now, especially as people of faith, so that future generations can still enjoy this planet. So please, I urge you all to agree on policies that will be able to help not only the people, but our Earth as well.

Sincerely,

Uriel García López

Mrs. Bower, Global Perspectives
St Xavier High School
Ohio, USA

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Uriel García López of Cincinnati, USA, saw firsthand how climate change has impacted the people of Lima, Peru: "The retreat of glaciers caused by global warming poses a significant problem for the people there, especially those who live in the poorest parts."

The contributions to and impacts of the ecological crisis are unevenly distributed between the Global North and South. Poor and indigenous people, in particular, are disproportionately losing their livelihoods, property, and ways of life due to collapsing ecosystems.

Many animal species are at risk of extinction. Loss and Damage represents an important mechanism for climate justice. However, industrialized countries have not fulfilled their financing commitments, jealously guarding resources acquired through their exploitation of rapidly vanishing ecosystems.

Making such reparations will require spiritual freedom on the part of wealthy countries. Ignatius of Loyola suggests praying for freedom to overcome our attachment to money, which prevents us from serving God.

PRAYER

God of every shore, You hear the cry of the earth and poor as one.
Teach us kenosis: as Jesus emptied himself,
Let the industrialized world empty itself
So that poor countries may increase.
Immerse us in the ocean of your mercy,
Make us all brothers and sisters again!
Amen.

PIERRE VU THOMPSON, SJ

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Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States



"MOTHER NATURE: THE PLANET DOES NOT NEED MORE TRASH, IT NEEDS MORE LOVE."
- ROSARIO E., FE Y ALEGRIA VENEZUELA (LA RINCONADA)

Dear Earth,

This letter is dedicated to you with all of my heart.

You are our home, the place where life blooms and every life flourishes under your blue sky. We have taken so much from you, but today, I we want to make you a promise. To care for you, protect you, and reciprocate the love that you give us.

We know that that our actions have left you with scars, but we also know that it is possible to heal. Through respect, consciousness, and concrete actions we will work to preserve your beauty and balance.

Thank you for giving us water, air, and life. We are learning to be guardians, not only inhabitants, because without you, we are nothing.

With gratitude and commitment,

Humanity

Yisel Ewadi et Neagschea García

Fe y Alegría
VENEZUELA

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Just as the earth is far more than the ground beneath our feet, territory is far more than a bounded area on a map. Territory is culture, home, and identity; it is a source of life. Yet the global economic system, sustained by the discourse of development and capitalist progress, has reduced it to private property and a commodity available for exploitation.

We have reached this point, among other reasons, because we think of, see, and live as beings separate from nature. Western thought drew a sharp boundary between the natural and the human, between the wild and the civilized, thereby breaking the original relationship with the earth.

Reversing this situation demands a profound change: healing the split between the human and nature—that is, accepting that the human is part of a complex, continuous whole that constitutes the earth. Only from this awareness can we defend territory as the sacred space of encounter, identity, culture, and life.

PRAYER

Good Father, we beseech you to help us heal
our separation from the earth, so that,
feeling ourselves part of this whole that is your Creation,
we may defend from commodification the
territories that shelter, sustain, and give us life.
Amen.

HUGO XICOHTENCATL SERRANO, SJ

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"PROTECT ME, FOR I AM NOT ETERNAL." - CRISTELL O., FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

Estudiante: Jean Pier Ibaran Piña
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Dear Planet Earth:

I know we have failed you; at some point, I have contributed to this destructive cause known as "contamination." Little by little, this has contributed to your deterioration and shows no signs of stopping the damage we, as humans, produce daily. Very few people help to raise awareness of good practices, such as recycling, keeping our streets trash-free, and the like. I also know that few people follow these practices, but you're still proud and grateful for those small "heroic and conscious" acts.

I want to highlight that I really like your grand and majestic nature. There, I find your large and beautiful trees, your spices, gorgeous roses, and herbs. Your flowing rivers and tributaries, and how can I forget the grand animals that you house. Your immense oceans and seas, with which you show your great love for us.

We need to come together for the good of the planet and its future generations. This is the moment to heal and repair our wrongdoing. This is the moment to look around us and take stock of our prejudice. This is the moment to change our bad habits.

IT IS TIME FOR GREAT TRANSFORMATION!

SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

In decisions about our common home, youth are often given spaces to speak but little power to change outcomes. Their activism and eco-anxiety grow because they see the crisis clearly and feel the weight of a future shaped by others.

Like water on rocky soil, their voices penetrate slowly, yet they remain essential actors of transformation. They are the first victims of today's choices and the decision-makers of tomorrow. Hope is the key that keeps them going, not naive optimism, but trust that even the darkness is not dark, the night shines like the day, even when progress seems slow. Intergenerational dialogue is the way.

A true encounter where elders name their errors and resistances with honesty; youth receiving them without judgment yet insisting on real effort. Together, they can open the breach for the ecological transition we urgently need. COP31 must move beyond words to bold decisions that honour justice, life, and the future.

PRAYER

God of all generations,
strengthen youth who carry hope for our common home.
Help elders listen with humility, leaders act with courage,
and all of us turn anxiety into action.
Make COP31 a turning point toward justice,
where light overcomes darkness
and life triumphs over profit.
Amen.

FOKA WADEM BORIS, SJ

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ANYA BETANCOURT FRANCO, FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

Dear Honorable President,

Rananim from Mabuchi Hill!

I am writing this letter to seek your help on behalf of our islands and young people like me. I am one of those who cherish the life of growing up on the islands. I could remember vividly the sound of laughter and joy of little kids splashing in the ocean. I could recall the hard work of the elders, men coming home from the sea with overflowing of fish in baskets or ice chests, and the women would come and take the baskets from them and start cleaning and cutting them up. And, when the dinner was set, every household was gathered in one place, and the delicious fish dish was served. Stories were told and conversations were exchanged among the elders, telling them how their day was. It was the most precious moment I held dear to my heart. Now, those moments are not the same as they used to be. Things have changed. The lifestyle and homes that I admired are slowly fading away.

Mr. President, for this reason, I call to your attention about the issue of climate change. Sea level rise has flooded our homes and destroyed our food. Drought has dried up our islands. And natural disasters have forced people to migrate. What ways can you help young students like me to be prepared for climate change?

I would kindly seek your assistance to help prepare us for climate change challenges. Do you think migrating is the solution? Does aspiring for a foreign lifestyle help us prepare for climate change? Do you think cutting down the dependency of industrial and commercial products may be a good idea to save our islands?

Please consider these concerns and let us work together to prepare for climate change. Thank you

Sincerely,

Dimena Dois

St. Xavier High School, Laudato Si' Club
Micronesia

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Climate change may sound distant until we hear the stories of those most affected.

Beyond the immediate threat to our homes and environment, climate change can wash away memories, traditions, livelihoods, joys and pains, belonging, and treasures held deeply in people's hearts.

It is a grave injustice to be forced to leave one's home because of climate change. Migration can wound those who struggle to find footing in a new place. When it is the only option left, we are called to welcome those displaced and to receive them with dignity.

We share in their struggles and work to ensure that no one suffers from climate injustice. Indeed, nothing can fully prepare us for this threat.

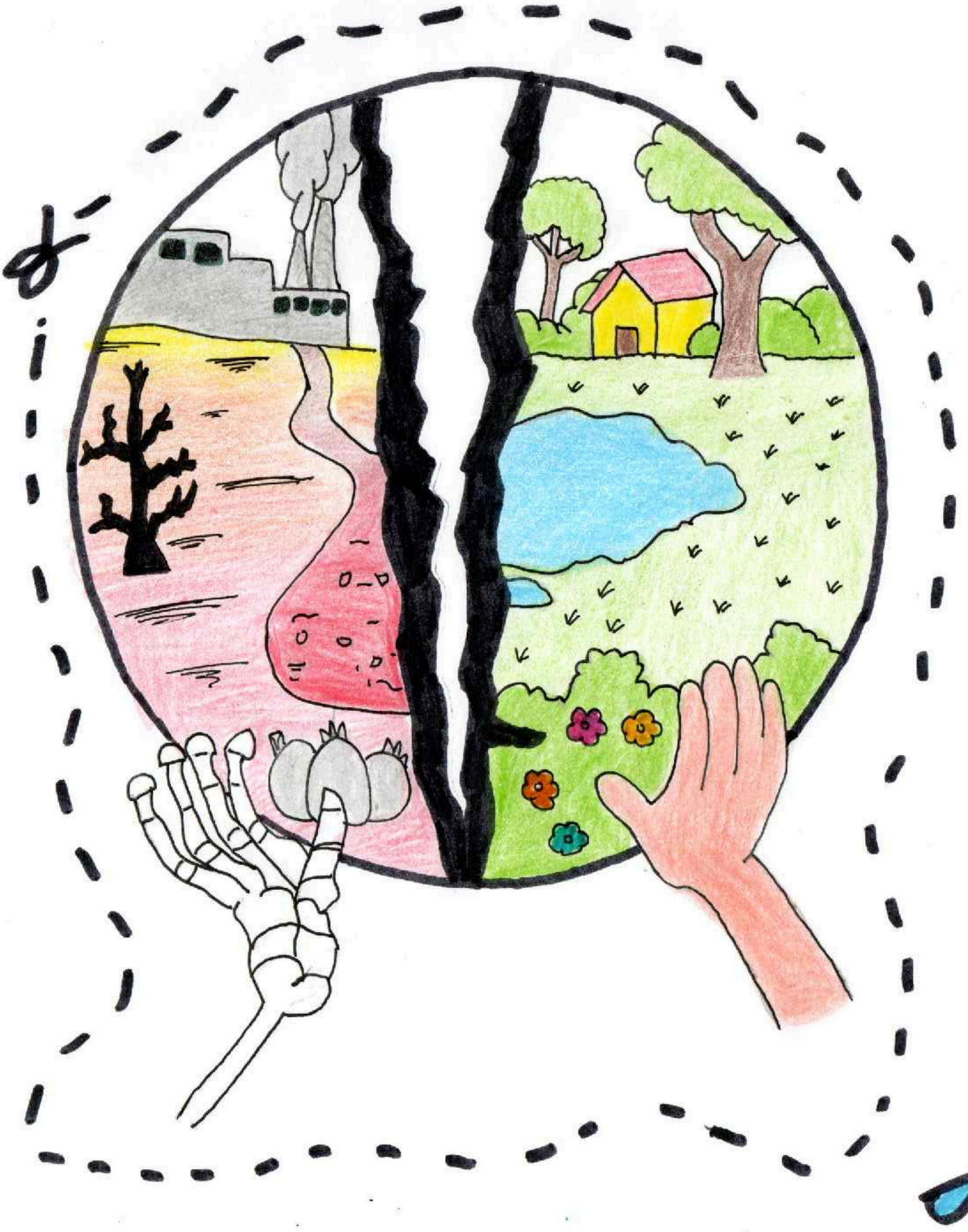
We are called to act and challenge systems that cause further damage to our common home. Little ways, such as prudence in our consumption, can go a long way. Forming good habits can lead us toward conversion.

PRAYER

God of our common home, walk alongside those who are forced to leave their homes because of climate change.
Inspire us to be generous and to receive them wholeheartedly.
Guide our hands to protect the places we call home and to strive for a future where no one feels left behind.
Amen.

REX FRANCIS COZ, SJ

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"LIFE BLOOMS WHERE WE NURTURE." - CARRANZA ALBUJAR RODRIGO, FE Y ALEGRIA PERU

For an Ecology of the Future

SEWA Tl MBI / We Are in Danger!!!

Our country, the Central African Republic, is blessed with a generous nature, fertile land, and a climate very favorable to life. Yet in recent years, our environment has come under severe pressure: forests are disappearing, rains are becoming scarce and strike us unexpectedly, heat is suffocating our cities, and the land is losing its nourishing strength. Even cassava cultivation has become problematic, and our farmers are losing heart. What will we and our children eat in the year 3000? The answer may be: only food imported from outside the country. What we are experiencing is not inevitable fate; it is the result of our actions. Fortunately, it is not too late to do better. Thus, in the face of these threats, we believe that planting trees, practicing gardening, and maintaining our living environment are no longer just choices, but rather civic and patriotic duties.

Why plant trees?

The tree is a true lung for the Earth. It produces the oxygen (O2) necessary for our survival and purifies the air we breathe by capturing CO2 (carbon dioxide), which is responsible for global warming. Planting trees will therefore enable us to: combat heat and drought; prevent floods and soil erosion; create zones of shade and coolness in our neighborhoods; provide fruits, wood, and medicinal plants for healing, and offer a sustainable heritage to our children—without limits.

Why practice gardening?

Gardening is not only about beautifying our homes. It is also a source of food self-sufficiency and supplementary income. It is an ecological and economic act. Growing a few vegetables, fruits, or local plants will allow us to: eat healthily and at lower cost; reduce our dependence on imported products; reconnect families with the land; and raise awareness and motivate young people to love nature. Imagine for a moment a Central Africa where every family tends its small garden: markets would be better supplied, meals more nutritious, and neighborhoods greener, more beautiful, and more welcoming.

Without asking too much, let us understand that it is not about moving a mountain to have a good life; it is about a simple gesture. A simple gesture in which every father plants a tree for himself and for each of his children, every mother plants a tree for herself and for each of her children, and every child, in turn, plants for themselves and for each of their future descendants.

This is summed up in “ZO OKO, NA KEKE OKO,” meaning “ONE HEALTH, ONE TREE.” In short, to live better we need nature, and nature, in turn, needs our simple gestures to continue giving us a better life through our actions. To remain without action is to destroy our own future. Without trees, our rivers dry up, our lands become infertile, our animals disappear, and our climate becomes unpredictable. But we can act now. Each person, at their own level, can make a difference.

Thank you!!!

KINHOUN Fifonsi Achille

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Reading Fisfonsi's account, I am moved by his clarity of thought.

He is aware of the harm that humans have inflicted on the environment, yet he does not succumb to despair.

He objectively observes the deterioration of farming conditions (cassava, water scarcity) and attributes this to human responsibility ("it is the result of our actions"). Thus, Fisfonsi acknowledges a form of complicity with the problem, without succumbing to fatalism or despair.

His clarity of thought is a driving force for action. He rolls up his sleeves to turn things around and bring about a better future for his country.

PRAYER

Lord, You have given humankind the gift
of knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ. Blessed are You.
Have mercy on us for our lack of faith in the power of prayer.
Grant us the grace, Lord, to discern the right balance between
temporal and spiritual means, so that each of us may
bring about a better life. You do not wish to lose any of us.
Amen.

SAMUEL PIFFETEAU, SJ

Jesuits in Europe
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"YOUNG WOMAN AT A WINDOW - DALI" - SINT-JAN BERCHMANSCOLLEGE, BELGIUM

De: Lineska Patiño. 5° año de mecatrónica.
Para: La madre Tierra.

MADRE TIERRA

Mother Earth,

Today I write to you with gratitude and amazement. I do not have a concrete motive, just the desire to recognize your constant presence, your endless sights, and the life that flourishes thanks to your generosity.

Today I was thinking of all that you give: the trees that give us shade, the sea that, with only one look, calms me, the animals, and the flowers. Your picturesque sunsets remind me of God's infinite gifts, which give us these beautiful sights to look at.

You nourish us, you protect us, and you remind us that we are only a small part of something much bigger and beautiful. Sometimes, we forget you. We get lost in our own bubbles, in our rush, and we stop looking at your daily beauty. But you're still there, patient, resilient, waiting for us to look back at you with respect and love.

Thank you for every sunrise, every seed, every meal, for every ray of sunshine in the morning, for every corner of shade on hot days. Thank you for being our home and our mother, guardian of God's beautiful fruits.

With affection, a grateful resident.

Fe y Alegría
ARGENTINA

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

When we take a look around the place we live, we see buildings, roads, bottled water, packaged food and industries everywhere. We call this development. But when we look at Indigenous communities, whose lives have long been connected to forests, rivers and land, we begin to wonder: what have we gained, and what have we lost?

Pope Francis reminds us in Laudato Si' that "land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors" (§146). Science makes this question even harder to ignore. The Earth has already warmed by about 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels (IPCC, 2023), while the Amazon has become increasingly vulnerable to drought and fire as its atmosphere has become drier (NASA Earth Observatory, 2019). When we see forests shrinking and glaciers retreating, can we still call every form of development progress?

Indigenous communities are among those most affected by this crisis, while also being at the forefront of protecting the Earth. In the Ignatian spirit of "finding God in all things," we are called to listen to their wisdom, rethink our idea of progress, and turn our gratitude for creation into responsibility and action.

PRAYER

Dear God, We thank You for the Earth, your gift that sustains all life.
As forests shrink, glaciers retreat and our climate changes,
help us understand the consequences of our choices.
Give strength to Indigenous communities who protect their lands
and ecosystems. Teach us to find You in all things,
listen to their wisdom, and turn our gratitude into
responsible action for our common home.
Amen.

ABISHEK MICHAEL, SJ

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"CARING FOR ANIMALS IS LIKE CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECOSYSTEM OF NATURE." - SALLY R., FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

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Dear Delegates,

I am writing today to express my concern about climate change and how I have been affected by it. Ever since I was young, I have always loved to be outside and interact with nature. Whether it is having dinner outside or running around in my backyard, it has always brought me joy.

Now I have been able to really focus on how the world has changed from when I was young. One example that I have seen change dramatically is the weather that we have been experiencing. This summer we experienced a large amount of rain that caused a lot of damage around me. Floods have begun to be a problem for lots of people, resulting in a high number of deaths. It has also caused our homes and those of animals to be destroyed. At my house, we have experienced our basement flooding many times, which did not happen in the past. Another example of climate change is the heat waves we experience. There have been many hot days this year that make it hard to be outside for long periods without overheating or being in danger. I didn't have these problems to worry about when I was young because it was never this bad. If we don't do anything about this, I believe it will keep getting worse, and the impact will be greater.

I would ask that we address this issue and do our best to stop it or slow it down so that it doesn't become a greater problem than it already has become. I urge you and your fellow delegates to agree on strong policies which will bring the global community closer to addressing the issue of climate change.

Sincerely,

Will Mueller

Mrs. Bower, Global Perspectives
St. Xavier High School
Ohio, USA

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

Will's "Letter to the Earth" begins with love: "I have always loved to be outside and interact with nature." His love grew through ordinary experiences: eating dinner outside and running through his backyard.

This reminds me of Pope Francis' words in Dilexit Nos, where he speaks of the thousands of "little things" that quietly shape our hearts: "a smile we elicited by telling a joke," "the first game of soccer we played with a rag ball," or "a flower we pressed in the pages of a book".

These small gifts become places where love takes root. When we remember the ways creation has delighted us, we also begin to feel its wounds more deeply.

Like Will, we can allow love to make us vulnerable to concern. Perhaps this is part of the grace of the Second Week of the Spiritual Exercises: by coming to know and love our Lord more through creation, we may come to follow Him more closely in our care.

PRAYER

Lord, awaken in us gratitude for the thousand "little things"
through which You have revealed Your love.
Help us remember what we have received from creation,
so that our hearts may be moved with concern for what is wounded.
Through the grace of the Second Week, help us know You more,
love You more, and follow You more closely.
Amen.

JOE LAUGHLIN, SJ

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"THE EARTH CANNOT TAKE IT ANYMORE." - FE Y ALEGRIA PERU

MOTHER EARTH:

You are life, refuge, and beauty. In your entrails, you keep ancient stories, and the colors of the world bloom on your skin. You provide us with everything without asking for anything, and even then, many times we have hurt you.

I apologise for our indifference, for abandoning you, and for not protecting you the way you deserve.

Today I write to you with gratitude and commitment, because we still have time to be with you.

Thank you for the miracle of every sunrise.

Att: Oscar Garcia



Fe y Alegría
GUATEMALA

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

What kind of love is Oscar García writing to us about? Let's return for a moment to the Cardoner River that Ignacio contemplated. Let's see a Common Home—a source of life, refuge, and beauty.

Let us also see how God looks upon it, and upon us, not as a resource to be exploited. In his drawing, Oscar apologizes for the indifference and neglect that shake us to the core, reminding us that caring for creation requires converted hearts, love, and care.

His commitment is that "we still have time to be with you", a message of hope and urgency that I invite you to feel and savor as you walk through the halls of this COP.

Let's help protect the hands and voices of the Earth's caretakers, like Oscar's, from whom we learn today through his gratitude for the miracle of each new dawn, and let's make our lives a path of love for creation.

PRAYER

Creator God, grant us a pure heart, like that of a child,
so that we may recognize the sacredness of our Earth.
Protect the defenders who shield nature from our conflicts.
May we learn to heal what is broken and to
love the Earth deeply, just as You do.
Amen.

YARETH ABEL SALAZAR, SJ

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"I THINK OF MY LIFE AND I THINK IF I DISAPPEAR MY HUNTERS WILL NOT HAVE FOOD AND IT WOULD CREATE A LACK OF BALANCE IN THE ECOSYSTEM. IT IS NOT LONGER ABOUT LVIING, IT IS ABOUT SURVIVING." - FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR (OSCAR ROMERO)

Julia Gonçalves de Andrade - 12 anos

O que você falaria pro planeta Terra?

Eu falaria que o meio ambiente está cheio de pessoas poluindo, cortando as arvóres e muito mais, porém existes pessoas que ainda acredita que essas poluição pode acabar, até porque poluindo interfere o ar que respiramos, ou seja poluindo o meio ambiente altomaticamente interfere na sua saúde.

Então a consisencia de polui o mundo, interfere na nossa saúde, mas não é so pensar em você, pensar no meio ambiente, na natureza, nos animais e em nós, por isso não polua o ambiente, e planeta Terra não fica triste, ainda tem gente que se importa.

JULIA GONÇALVEZ DE ANDRADE – 12 YEARS OLD

What would you say to planet Earth?

I would tell it that the environment is full of people who pollute, who cut down trees, and many other things. However, there are still people who believe that this pollution can end, especially because it is related to the air we breathe; in other words, environmental pollution automatically affects our health.

So, those who pollute the world interfere with our health, but not with the way each of us thinks; we must think about the environment, about nature, about animals, and about each other. That is why we should not pollute the environment, so that Earth will not be sad. There are still people to whom this matters.

Fé e Alegria
Movimento de Educação Popular Integral e Promoção Social

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

REFLECTION

“Today, a new economy inspired by Francis of Assisi can and must become an economy of friendship with the earth and an economy of peace. It is a matter of transforming an economy that kills into an economy of life, in all its aspects.” —Pope Francis.

If we seek the common good, we need an economy that is in dialogue with life, especially with human life. It is not enough to reconcile care for nature with financial profitability or progress, in pursuit of a false sustainability.

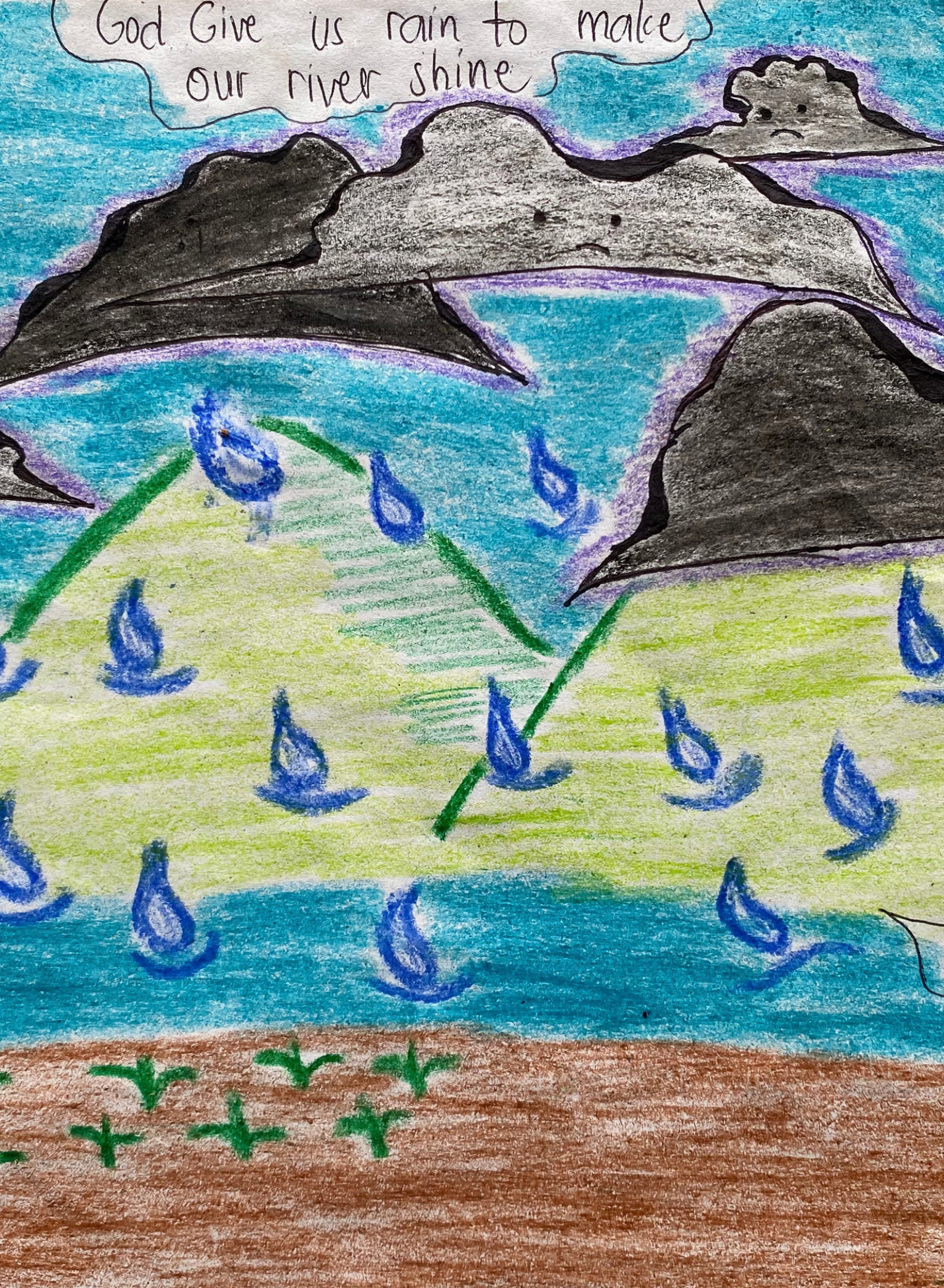
The Earth and the human beings who inhabit it must be at the center. To achieve this, politics and the economy—which so often blame each other for poverty and environmental degradation—must find new ways of relating and collaborating to build the common good together.

PRAYER

Father, may the economy help all peoples
to live together in peace and
communion with all of your Creation.
Touch the hearts of those who profit
at the expense of the poor and of the Earth.
Teach us to discover the value of each thing,
and to seek the common g
ood. Amen.

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"NATURE IS AS NECESSARY AS BREAD AND WATER." - FE Y ALEGRIA ECUADOR

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