

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME

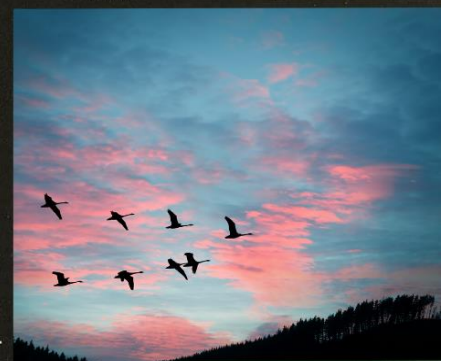
All powerful God,
you created all things,
and you are present throughout the universe
and in every creature,
You embrace with your tender love all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
so that we may have the strength and courage
to protect all life and the beauty of our world,
preserving it from pollution and destruction.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one,
And caring for the Earth, our common home.

Teach us to discover the worth of every creature on this earth,
Let us protect those at risk and in danger,
Encourage us as we seek justice, love and peace.
Stay with us each day, with the power of your grace.

Through Christ our Lord
Amen





What is World Bee Day?

World bee day is on 20th May. It is a day to remind us about how important bees are in our lives! Bees are an important part of our world, they help to pollinate plants that create the food that we eat.

Click [here](#) to watch a Newsround clip about why bees are important.

What can you do?

1. Grow some bee friendly flowers.

Growing different flowers and shrubs that are full of nectar and pollen will attract bees – they like wildflowers! Planting flowers in flower beds, boxes, hanging baskets and pots will attract bees to window sills, patios and balconies – even high up on taller buildings.

Maybe your seeds from the Laudato Si' team can be used to encourage bees to visit.

2. Provide water.

Just like we need water, so do bees. Watch the video by Emma's friend in America to find out how to make a bee bath! <https://youtu.be/C1AjhorvZc0>

3. Provide a shelter for bees.

Why not make a bee hotel? There are lots of examples of bee hotels you can make. Look for ideas on the Internet or use this [example](#) from the RSPB.



4. Save the Dandelions.

Encourage adults to not remove dandelions – they contain lots of pollen and nectar for bees! Ask the adults to join in with **no mow May** - allowing flowers to grow in grass helps bees and other insects.

5. BEE CREATIVE - Save the Bees Campaign!

Why not make a poster, leaflet or video about the importance of bees and include simple ways people can help protect bees. These could be shared with your school community and maybe your parish! As always, don't forget to share what you are doing with The Laudato Si' team. Ask an adult to send pictures, posters, videos to laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and tell us how you have been a **BUSY BEE!**

