

A decorative border surrounds the central text. It features several hands of different skin tones (brown, tan, light skin) reaching out from the top and sides. Interspersed with the hands are various green leaves and clusters of small blue berries. At the bottom, there are stylized white and yellow flowers and green foliage against a blue background.

# COMMON PRAYER

for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

# Laudato Si'

### Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs  
not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future  
generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and resources  
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into  
hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic,  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that  
are needed in search of the common good,  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent,  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of  
a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen