

## «Laudato si'» Meeting – Brussels, 12 June 2019

### Midday Prayer

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#### Introduction

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us begin our prayer in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. + Amen.

Dear Friends, we will sing now our praise to God.

**Bless the Lord**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Bless the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

♪ **Ten-go sed de ti**, oh fuen-te del a-mor. Ten-go sed de ti: tu\_a-mor es li-ber-tad. / **Jo tinc set de tu**, tinc set del teu a-mor. Jo tinc set de tu, oh font de lli-ber-tat. / **Prijs de Heer** mijn ziel, en prijs zijn heil-ge naam. Prijs de Heer mijn ziel, die mij het le-ven geeft. / **Ben-diz o Se-nhor**, lou-va\_o seu San-to no-me. Ben-diz o Se-nhor, que\_a vi-da nos con-duz. / **Zo-tin beko**, o shpirt, dhe e mrin e tij të shenjt'. Zo-tin beko, o shpirt, prej vdekjes sjell shpëtim. / **Kii-da Is-san-dat** ja ù-is-ta, mu hing, Kii-da Is-san-dat, ta el-tu ju-hib mind. / **Wiel-bić Pa-na chęć**, ra-dos na śpie-wać pieśń. Wiel-bić Pa-na chęć, On źród-łem ży-cia jest. / **Bla-go-slov-ljen Bog**, i pre-sve-to mu i-me. Bla-go-slov-ljen Bog, on ži-vot da-ru-je. / **Kun-gam pa-tei-cos** sirds Vi-ņā prie-ku rod. Kun-gam pa-tei-cos par vi-su, ko Viņš dod. / **Daj nam mir, Go-spod**, raz-sve-ti nam sr-ce. Daj nam mir, Go-spod, raz-ja-sni svoj o-braz. / **Slo-vink Vieš-pa-tj**, ir šven-tā var-da Jo. Ma-no sie-lai Jis gy-vy-bę am-žiams duos. / **Cân-tă su-Ńle-te** pe Dom-nul tău cel Sfânt. Că-n-tă su-Ńle-te, El via-ță dă-ru-te. / **Гос-по-ду хва-ла** и и-мен-и Е-го. Гос-по-ду хва-ла, Он в жи-внє ме-ня ве-дєт. / **Гос-по-ду хва-ла** свя-те Й-о-го-и-мя Гос-по-ду хва-ла. Він же-ре-ло жи-т-тя.

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Merciful God, we come before You today to pray for the wellbeing of the planet. You alone know the full extent of the destruction we have wrought to your beautiful handiwork, and what needs to be done to remedy it.

We pray for the people around the globe who suffer because of environmental damage. We pray for the defenseless creatures harmed or made extinct by our selfishness and ignorance.

We pray for the oceans, air, mountains, plants, and soil, that life and health may again pulse in them.

We pray that we humans have a change of heart and stop harming the planet.

We also know that the Church is called to deepen her identity in accordance with the realities of each territory and to grow in her spirituality by listening to the wisdom of her peoples. Therefore, we specially pray today for the Special Assembly for the Pan-Amazonian Region, to be held in the coming month of

October, so that it may find new ways of developing the Amazonian face of the Church and to respond to situations of injustice in the region, such as the neocolonialism of the extractive industries, infrastructure projects that damage its biodiversity, and the imposition of cultural and economic models which are alien to the lives of its peoples.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may have the passion and wisdom to work effectively to restore your creation. Guide us in our personal, church and community efforts. Give us strength to continue on with this work when it is difficult and requires sacrifice.

Bless the Earth and all its life in every way. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Penitential rite**

At the beginning of our prayer we pause, examine our conscience in silence, and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.

- You spoke and the world was created;

**Lord, have mercy.**

- You made us caretakers of the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth;

**Christ, have mercy.**

- You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us;

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Let us pray:**

O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that we may care for all of creation and with your help restore all that has been marred, so that you may cause the seeds of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Reading**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (Col 3: 12–17):

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord, Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Brief moment of silence]

### **Intercessions**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of all creation, for through his goodness he sustains all the earth. Let us call upon him in faith:

**R: Deliver us, o Lord.**

- From despair in times of draught.
- From wastefulness of natural resources.
- From neglect of those in need.
- From blindness to your presence in all of creation.
- From hunger and thirst.
- From forgetting that our vocation is to be protectors of your handiwork.

**All together:**

God of the universe,  
We thank You for Your many good gifts -  
For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,  
For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.  
Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources  
for granted  
And wasted what You have given us.  
Transform our hearts and minds  
So that we would learn to care and share,  
To touch the earth with gentleness and with love,  
Respecting all living things.  
We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste,  
greed and indifference,  
And we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough  
food and clean water.  
Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species  
And help us to willingly share your gifts  
Today and always. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Let us pray together for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Savior taught us: Our Father (sung)....

**Concluding Prayer:**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people; reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, and to thank you for the wonderful handiwork which you have entrusted to our care. Send us your help for the protection of creation as well as your pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:**

+ May Almighty God bless you: the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let's go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.