

# ADORATION SERVICE – World Environment Day 2026

*(Readings, homily, prayers, songs ad libitum for Adoration as part of the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction for use on First Friday, 5th June)*

## EXPOSITION

### ADORATION

Input: The 5th of June is celebrated globally as World Environment Day, with a theme proposed each year by the United Nations. The theme this year is ‘Climate Action’ (#NowForClimate). Pope Francis called our attention to this eleven years ago through the Encyclical *Laudato Si’*. Let us listen to a passage from this document.

### Reading *Laudato Si’* 25

Climate change is a global problem with grave implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry... There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering.

(short pause)

### Reflection

We are already experiencing first-hand the effects of Climate Change. The summers get longer and hotter, and water sources are drying up at an alarming rate. *(If time permits, a few local examples could be given, drawing upon your experiences)*. As Christians, it is our sacred duty to care for the environment. We need to undergo an ecological conversion, recognising that we are part of the problem and committing ourselves to care for the earth.

### Hymn

The World Stands In Need Of Liberation My Lord (or any other suitable hymn)

### Silent Pause

### Input

The situation is indeed very grave, but we trust in God’s renewing power. The Holy Spirit is actively at work, renewing the face of the earth. St Paul expresses this beautifully in his letter to the Romans.

### Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-23,28

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has

been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

## Silent Pause

## Intentions

Response: *Creator God, hear our prayer*

1. That the Church may be a prophetic voice, reminding us of our sacred duty to care for creation... *Let us pray to the Lord* ☩
2. That world leaders may have the courage to enact policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions... *Let us pray to the Lord* ☩
3. That communities and ecosystems affected by climate change may find the strength and resilience to survive the ongoing crisis... *Let us pray to the Lord* ☩
4. That people everywhere may grow in awareness of our mutual interdependence and the impact that our actions have on the environment... *Let us pray to the Lord* ☩
5. That each one of us in our parish community may learn how to live simply and tread lightly upon the earth... *Let us pray to the Lord* ☩

## Prayer

God of all creation, You have entrusted the earth to our care. Bless our efforts to protect her, guide our choices toward sustainability, and inspire us to live in harmony with all living beings. May our lives bear witness to the truth that all of creation is sacred and precious in your sight. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## REPOSITION

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*This adoration prayer service has been prepared by Fr Luke Rodrigues SJ. Parishes, religious communities and congregations are free to adapt and use as they see fit.*



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