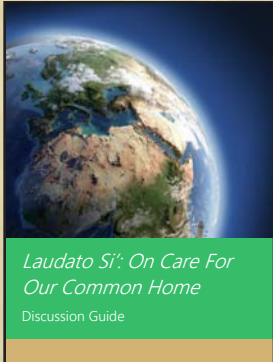


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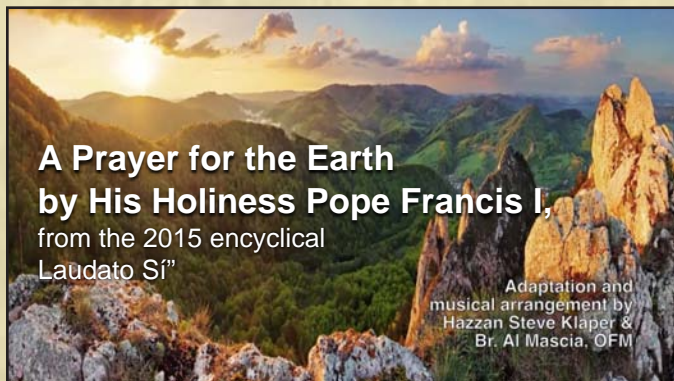
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DISCUSSION GUIDE



OVERVIEW

This discussion guide, for use with Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, can help small groups explore and dialogue with this important document. The guide includes materials for prayer, reflection and discussion, as well as ideas to help Catholics respond to Pope Francis' message. The discussion section of the guide includes quotes and discussion questions on a variety of themes highlighted in *Laudato Si'*. The facilitator should decide in advance which topics will be covered during this session. Given the number of rich themes on which Pope Francis focuses in *Laudato Si'*, you may wish to spread the topics among several sessions.

Available as a PDF document on the USCCB Website.
Search: "Laudato Si Discussion Guide"



A lively musical adaptation of *A Prayer for the Earth*, one of the prayers found at the end of the *Laudato Si* encyclical, can be viewed on the *Song and Spirit Institute for Peace* website below.

<http://www.songandspirit.org/>



Song and Spirit Institute for Peace

THE MISSION

Song and Spirit promotes greater understanding among people of diverse religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds through music, art, cultural programs, dialogue, study, organic farming, and compassionate acts of community service. This cultural and spiritual exchange advances the realization of Justice and World Peace.

THE VISION

When we experience another's culture, their music, rituals, beliefs — we come to understand that there are no "others" — we are all one people seeking the same

human relationships, grappling with the same divine mysteries.

Song and Spirit provides a focus for creating a deep and meaningful connection between peace-making, compassionate action, social justice, the arts, care for creation and the advancement of human rights. In doing so, Maggid Steve, Brother Al and Mary link a Christian commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) with the Franciscan charism of serving the poor, marginalized and outcast. This is expressed Jewishly as *astikkun olam*, the repair of the world; by Muslims as *zakat*, one of the Five Pillars of Islam; and by Hindus as *daan*, care of creation.