

# Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, November 16

## Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:



Due to recent election results, we re now in a time of increased uncertainty for the health and well-being of our planet. Knowing of the interconnectedness of all creation, it is also a time of uncertainty for ourselves as global citizens.

We profess our faith in a higher power that we call by various names such as Lord; God; Providence; Almighty; All-Powerful and more. Our faith in God/Providence is being put to test and now is the time to stand firm and not lose hope.

As he ends the encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes: “May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope. God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. *Praise be to Him!* (Par. 245, 245)

The following is an excerpt from the prayer *A Prayer for our Earth* found at the end of the encyclical.

... Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Oh God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth ...

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

