

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee: Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

Did you know that the World Day of Prayer for Creation was instigated in 1989 by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Pope Francis established September 1st the Day of Prayer in 2015 after publishing *Laudato Si'*?

In their latest joint message, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Pope Francis clearly stated that “environmental destruction is a sign of a ‘morally decaying scenario’ in which too many people ignore or deny that, from the beginning, ‘God intended humanity to cooperate in the preservation and protection of the natural environment,’ said the leaders of the Catholic and Orthodox churches.”

From Romans 13: we read, “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another...” “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

From *Laudato Si'* we read: There is a need to respect the rights of peoples and cultures (Par. 144). We also read, “Many intensive forms of environmental exploitation and degradation not only exhaust the resources that provide local communities with their livelihood but also undo the social structure that for a long time shaped cultural identity and their sense of the meaning of life and community. The disappearance of a culture can be just as serious or even more serious, that the disappearance of a species of plant or animal (Par. 145).

Reflect, pray and take action!