



Southern African Catholic  
Bishops' Conference

**A Combined Celebration Of  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Laudato Si Week  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Year of The Family  
Commemorating 30 Years of Democracy in South African**



*In collaboration with the Departments of: Justice and Peace, Christian Formation, Laity and Youth, Laudato Si South Africa, Marfam, Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue*



## Introduction

Pope Francis recalls the words of St Francis of Assisi's canticle of creation; "Praise God and all his creatures" (LD #1). The canticle brings admiration for interconnectedness and harmony, protecting and preserving the dignity of God's creation in all its beauty. It calls for respect and appreciation for our ecumenical journey as brothers and sisters towards the beauty of creation. This unity dance is symbolized by life in marriage and family life.

Laudato Deum acknowledges and evokes the urgent call to respond to the climate crisis. The crisis is already visible in all facets; in the demographic changes in the family, in the collision of individuals/communities and with climate change. Laudato Si week calls us to be "Seeds of Hope" for the synodal encounter of Christian brothers and sisters, promoting the values of the family, as "first fruits of hope" and concrete platforms towards the "cry of the poor" and "cry of the earth".

In the week of Christian Unity, all Christians are summoned to be Christlike, employing "love of neighbor"; united in action through mercy and compassion towards the most vulnerable of God's creation, including the suffering planet. The Laudato Si' week is part of the preparation of the ecumenical Season of Creation celebrated from 1 September to 4 October with the theme "to hope and act with Creation and the symbol "the first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19-25. The family is the "first fruits" that gives hope to a better world, with lives rooted in faith and love for all God's creation. The family adhering to Christian values and norms is key to build the Kingdom of God through education and sustainable practices towards ecological conversion.

In the middle of the two weekly events is the feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God, who awakens us to the reality and wonder of God's creation, who from the very first instance, hovered over chaos and created order. This same Spirit governs and guides all hearts towards ecological conversion, Christian Unity and keep the married people united forever.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

### **Sunday of the Ascension (Mothers' Day)**

#### **May 12. Christian Unity Day 1**

#### **Help us, Lord, to have a life turned towards you.**

*A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher", he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Lk 10:25)*

#### **Reflection**

The lawyer's question challenges every believer in God as it affects the meaning of our life on earth and for eternity. Jesus gives us the ultimate definition of eternal life: "... that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Knowing God means discovering and doing his will in our lives. Every person wants a life of fullness and truth, and God desires this for us too (cf. Jn 10:10). Saint Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive".

The realities of life, with divisions, selfishness and suffering, often distance us from God and one another. Jesus lived in intimate communion with the Father. Jesus is "the Way" that leads us to the Father, our ultimate destiny. Following the Way brings us closer to Jesus, and to each other.

On this MOTHERS' DAY we recognize that Jesus experienced love in his human family too, throughout his life, especially from Mary, his mother. Mothers play a very powerful role in sharing God's love in their families. Many Christians honor Mary and recognize her as an example for all mothers. As we are open to friendship and collaboration with Christians of all churches let us ask God for a special blessing on all mothers.

#### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

God of life, you have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness. Parents are co-creators with you of new life. They form families and build homes. Mothers in a special way care for and teach their children. May we recognize in all our Christian brothers and sisters their desire for eternal life. As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead others to you. We pray in his name. Amen.

## **May 13. Christian Unity Day 2**

**Help me Lord to love you, my neighbor and myself with all that I am.**

*“The lawyer answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself’” (Lk 10:27)*

### **Reflection**

The lawyer’s answer taken from the Old Testament may seem simple but can be difficult. God’s commandment to love him requires deep commitment and means abandoning ourselves entirely, offering our hearts and minds to serve God’s will. We can ask for the grace to follow Christ’s example, loving even our enemies. We do not choose our family or our neighbors. As parents, loving means being attentive to their needs, accepting their imperfections and encouraging their hopes and aspirations. The same attitude is needed on the path of Christian unity.

Loving ourselves means to accept ourselves as we are, conscious of God’s compassionate gaze upon us, always ready to forgive. We are God’s beloved creation and as we respect and seek inner peace so we should do the same with our Christian brothers and sisters.

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

Lord, give us grace to know you more deeply, in order to love you with all our being. Grant us a pure heart, to love and accept ourselves, our neighbor, all Christian denominations and all the families of creation. May the gift of the Holy Spirit enable us to see you present in every creature, so that we may love with the same unconditional love that you lavish on us all. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## **May 14. Christian Unity Day 3**

**Lord, open our hearts to those we do not see.**

*The lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbor?" (Lk 10: 29)*

### **Reflection**

The lawyer wanted to justify himself, hoping that the neighbor is one of his own kind, social status and outlook, which is a natural instinct towards familiarity. This is true of our church communities too. Jesus invites us to go deeper and accept our obligation to welcome and embrace all Christians.

The Gospel teaches us that loving those who are like us is not extraordinary. Jesus steers us towards a more radical vision. He expects us to open our hearts and walk in his way. He asks the lawyer "*who was a neighbor to the man who had been attacked?*" In our world today insecurity and fear lead us into mistrust and uncertainty about our relationships with others, and willingness to respond to their needs.

The world of creation beyond our religions is made up of families where parents love and care for their own children and learn to love others too.

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

God of love, who write the law of love on our hearts, instill in us the courage to look beyond ourselves, and our human relationships. Help us to see the neighbor in families, Christian Denominations, In people and creatures different from ourselves. As Christians, may we truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **May 15. Christian Unity Day 4 (International Day of Families)**

**May we never turn away from those in need.**

*When he saw him, he passed by on the other side (Lk 10:31)*

### **Reflection**

Whose responsibility is it to care for Our World; a Home for all? Parents have a responsibility to educate their children about the urgent need to protect our environment. But families as a whole have an obligation to act in accordance with all the needs observed and understood. The climate crisis across the world is visible in many ways; droughts, floods and extreme weather patterns are more common than before. Yet, human families continue to use and abuse the resources of the natural order of creation, through ignorance or refusal to take action or looking away.

In our homes, together with other sister churches, on the occasion of this special day on which we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the international year of the family and the 30th anniversary of our SA democracy, we have to take responsibility for the harm done through selfishness and greed. We must do our best to preserve our environment, our social and political cohesion to save the resources of our country.

The gospel parable of the Good Samaritan has a powerful lesson. Our world is like the man who was attacked by robbers. The priest and the Levite who passed on the other side of the road are all those who ignore or refuse to take notice nor action. As good citizens and believers, let us be the merciful and compassionate neighbor who stops, binds up the wounds and takes the injured, even using our own resources. Will our family be that neighbor?

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

Lord Jesus Christ, as we, Sister Churches, and our families, journey with You and our fellow creatures towards unity, may our eyes not look away but be wide open, and our ears be listening for the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. As we travel through life, may we stop and reach out, bind up the wounded. So that together, we can come to experience your presence in every living creature. You who created us, out of love, for love. Amen.

## **May 16. Christian Unity Day 5**

**Lord, help us see the wounds and find hope.**

*He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them (Lk 10:34)*

### **Reflection**

The Good Samaritan did what he could for the injured man out of his own resources: he poured wine and oil and bandaged the wounds and put him on his own animal. He went further still by promising to pay for his upkeep until he was well.

When we see the world through the Samaritan's eyes, we see through a parent's eyes; every situation can be an opportunity to help the needy. This is where love manifested itself and motivates us to ask ourselves how we have responded to our suffering neighbor, be it a fellow Christian or of other denomination or not, and whatever element be it of creation, human, animal or plant...

The brokenness of our world shows itself in insecurity, fear, distrust and division, in violence and even death. As the Body of Christ, we speak of and have rituals of healing and reconciliation; we use oil and wine and yet the wounds in the Body of Christ persist. Recognizing the need for healing can begin with parents and families at home, spreading out to our churches, to believers and to the society at large, leading to healing of the nations and the world.

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

Gracious God, you who are the source of all love and goodness: enable us your family which is your Body to see the needs of our neighbors. Show us what we can do to bring about healing. Change us, so that we can love all our brothers and sisters. Help us to overcome the obstacles of Christian division and neglect, that we may build a world of peace for the common good. Thank you for renewing your creation and leading us to a future which is full of hope: you who are Lord of all, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

## **May17. Christian Unity Day 6**

**Lord, turn our churches into 'inns'; to welcome those in need.**

*Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him (Lk 10:34)*

### **Reflection**

The man who fell into the hands of robbers was cared for by a Samaritan, a religious reject. He saw beyond prejudice or bias. He saw someone in need and brought him to an inn, to pay for his upkeep. In any church, family or human society, hospitality and solidarity require the welcoming of strangers, foreigners, migrants and homeless people. However, when faced with insecurity, suspicion and violence, we tend to mistrust our neighbors. Hospitality is an important witness to the Gospel, particularly in the contexts of religious and cultural pluralism.

Welcoming 'the other', and being welcomed in turn, is at the heart of ecumenical dialogue. Christians are challenged to turn our homes and churches into inns where our neighbors can find Christ. Such is Pope Francis' vision of Church; "*hospitals after the battlefield*". Hospitality is a sign of love that our churches become a home for all, giving hope and light to the hopeless. In that way we move from being strangers to being neighbors.

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

Father of love, in Jesus, you showed us the meaning of hospitality, by showing care for our fragile humanity and our world. Help us various Denominations and families to become a community that welcomes those who feel abandoned and lost, building a house where all are welcome. May we come closer to one another as we offer the world your unconditional love. This we pray in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## **May 18. Christian Unity Day 7**

**Lord, show us how to respond to our neighbor.**

*Jesus said: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor?" (Lk 10:36)*

### **Reflection**

At the end of the parable, Jesus asked the lawyer: "who was the neighbor to the man victimized?" The lawyer replied, "the one who showed him mercy". He does not say "the Samaritan" and we could only imagine the hostility between Samaritans and Jews which made that answer hard to admit. We often discover neighbors in the most unexpected people, even those whose very name or origins we find difficult to utter.

In today's world, where polarized politics often set us against one another. Jesus challenges us through this parable to see beyond differences, seek and act on the essence of our vocation to cross borders and build bridges. As with the lawyer, we are challenged to reflect upon how we live our lives, not merely in terms of whether we do good or not, nor whether, like the priest nor Levite, but to act mercifully.

### **Prayer for Unity, Families and Ecological Life**

Holy God,  
your Son Jesus Christ came among us to show us the way of compassion.  
Help us by your Spirit to follow his example,  
to serve the needs of not only our families but all your children,  
and so, give a unified Christian witness to your ways of love and mercy.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and LAUDATO SI WEEK**

**Solemnity of Pentecost, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25, Jn 15: 26-27; 16:12-15.**

**Come Holy Spirit sanctify all creation**

### **Reflection**

On this day of Pentecost, let us give room to the Holy Spirit. Let us feel the touch of God. Let the Spirit lead the feelings deep into the core of our being. Let us become aware of our existence. Let the Spirit open us towards other human beings and all creation. Let the Spirit lead us to rub shoulders with the poor, needy, vulnerable, rubbish collectors, rejected and those abandoned and alone on the street corners and peripheries of our cities. Let us listen to their cry for food, change and shelter. Let us listen to the conflict and pain in the family, lack of tolerance, violence and abuse. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see the decaying environment in our neighbourhood, rubbish dumps and the smell that corrodes and pervades all corridors of existence. (LS23).

Indeed, all decay and crises call for prayer in the Holy Spirit. The Taizé Community and many other ecumenical movements invite us this week to listen to the Spirit and pray. *“The constant search for unity harmonizes the human being: it provides though with deeds and being in action. This equilibrium is acquired to the extent that we strive – in successive steps – to be consistent with what is best in ourselves and what is at our innermost core: Christ within us”* (Brother Roger, 11 October 2008).

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

God of life, you have created us to have life, and life in all its beauty and fullness. May we recognize in our brothers and sisters and all creation the desire for salvation. Let us follow Jesus' way with determination and so lead others to you. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **LAUDATO SI WEEK**

### **Laudato Si Week, Day Two**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024; Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church**

**Acts 1:12-14, Jn 19:25-34**

**“Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray with us.”**

Laudato Si' 213. *“Ecological education can take place in a variety of settings: at school, in families, in the media, catechesis and elsewhere. I would stress the great importance of the family which is the place in which life - the gift of God - can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures. Integral education enables us to grow harmoniously in personal maturity.”*

### **Reflection**

The cruelty of the cross broke many hearts in those who stood by and watched the unfolding scene of crucifixion. Every occurrence and action is like a sword that pierces deep within the heart of a sensitive human being, not to mention the pain piercing the heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Till these days, many African children suffer deprivation, hunger with no one to help. Think of the pain felt by moms and dads, in most cases grannies who bear the pain of failing to supply and protect, as it is their responsibility.

Have we lost touch of the gift of life? Is there no one to remind us of the mutual responsibility to preserve family values, integrity of life and dignity of the environment? Our world is besieged by war and has become a Calvary scene? Only a united effort will change hearts and lead to action; Prayer, pray, and ask for Our Lady, Mother of all creation to intercede for families.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

God our Father, give us grace to know you more deeply, in order to love with all of our being.

Grant us a pure heart, to love our neighbor as Mary loves all her children. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see you present in our sisters and brothers. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Laudato Si; Day Three**

**7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time B, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37**

**“Choose the little way to life.”**

*Laudato Si' 231. “Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones. Social love is the key to authentic development and is part of our spirituality.”*

### **Reflection**

Our world lives and promotes apathy. The result is corruption and wars, violence and tribulation that is felt every moment. Jesus cautions the disciples of the pending betrayal, persecution and crucifixion. But sadly, many in our world aspire for the opposite: glory, power, esteem and wealth. Notice the high rate of corruption versus unemployment.

It is strange that our leaders seem to think of themselves and what fills their stomach; better life for themselves in the face of massive poverty. Their eyes have been blinded and hearts hardened to the pains of those who cry out.

Our Christian obligation compels us to resist the evil forces that have clearly taken hold of individual lives and led away many to physical and spiritual languish. Humanity and creation suffer; love and common good are too far to reach, yet each individual person is key to transforming communities and restoring them to a better life, a better world. Only, if we restore our lives to God, and human conscience are reformed; then faith, hope and love will abound in our land.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

God of love, who inspires sustainable livelihood, instill in us the courage to look beyond ourselves. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world. Open our hearts and eyes to see the valuable existence of every living creature, redeemed by the blood of Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

## **Laudato Si; Day Four**

**7<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time B, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

**Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40**

**“Together, Today and Tomorrow”**

*Laudato Si' 202. “Many things have to change, but it is we human beings, above all, who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.”*

### **Reflection**

Human beings are responsible for the yesterday, today and tomorrow of life. We need to consider that, in the light of Laudate Deum, human beings stand to take the lead in destruction, yet are key to the rehabilitation of the global crisis. This attitude demonstrates what we want from this world. And sadly, human powers and greed have rallied towards what destroys, while the great majority are silenced.

Jesus warns us not to lead the least of his chosen ones to sin, for every action there is impending judgement. He proposes that there must be conversion, root out what causes us to sin. The unfolding disasters demand not only a total change of attitude, but rather of lifestyle. We need to educate, campaign, be informed and reform ourselves towards the required urgent change. We need to know that our actions are against what we hope for, a better life for all. We must resist what destroys and opt for what gives life.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

God our Father, as we long for a better life. Let our eyes be wide open to the suffering in the world. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world. As we travel through life, may we not commit corrupt activities, but be just people who seek your will in everything. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Laudato Si: Day Five**

**7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time B, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50**

**It is better to enter life, than to be thrown to hell.**

*Laudato Si' 227. "One expression of the attitude of serene attentiveness to others and to everything is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods and it affirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.*

### **Reflection**

The World Council of Churches encourages and invites us to reflect on the love of Christ towards one another. Wars, political intolerance, and violence through 'eye for an eye' and 'cut off it' attitude or behavior have defamed and removed love completely from many hearts. Many hearts have forgotten that God also hears the cries of those who have been cheated. Political upheavals, and greed for power and wealth have harmed many lives and damaged the environment which suffers through mining and illegal dumping. Christians are called to be different, have a conversion of heart and action towards creation. We must stop, think and pray for a new order where disunity is weakened, and human values and the environment are restored to their original dignity. We must be good *salt and light* to others, for the world to be at peace.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

Gracious God, you are the source of all love and goodness. Enable us to see the needs of others. Show us what we can do to bring about healing. Change us, so that we can love others as love all creation. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world. Help us overcome the obstacles of division and injustice that we may build a just society, through Jesus who is Lord of all, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

## **Laudato Si: Day Six**

**7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time B, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Jas 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-56**

***Our Lady, Help of Christians***

*Laudato Si' 222. "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that less is more. A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little."*

### **Reflection**

The family constitutes the basic unit of society. Families need to revive active participation in all efforts of uniting people and rehabilitating the environment. It is in the family where first the 'seeds of hope' need to be sown through Christian spirituality and tradition. Family rooted in the Scriptures are the "first fruits" of a society free of manipulation and suffering.

Mary, overwhelmed by the message of an angel, travels across to the hill country of Judea, to visit Elizabeth. The two women are transformed by the divine message of the Good News of salvation for many in Israel and beyond. The little child leaps for joy in the divine encounter. This family is present in the relationship between Mary and Elizabeth, and what they bore in their wombs is the "seed of hope" and the "first fruits" of repentance and salvation. The story of their children bears transformation of both person and culture which began in the family. *Laudato Si'* encourages us to be "seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love."

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

Father of love, in Jesus and Mary, you showed us the meaning of hospitality, recognizing the divine presence in all living creatures. Help us to become a family that welcomes those who feel abandoned and lost, building a house where all are welcome. Through Mary, may we come closer to one another and experience your unconditional love. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## **Laudato Si: Day Seven**

**7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time B, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16**

***“Let the Holy Spirit take hold of everything.”***

*Laudato Si' 221. God created the world, writing into it an order and dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore. We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air, that not one of them is forgotten before God. How can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm? I ask all Christian to recognize and to live fully this dimension of their conversion. In this way we will help to nurture that sublime fraternity with all creation which Saint Francis of Assisi so radiantly embodied. The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge. Nature is nothing other than a certain kind of art, namely God's art. LS 80.*

### **Reflection**

All creation is cautioned to become aware of our orientation towards what is beyond ourselves. Our Christian tradition emphasizes prayer in every situation and for whatever need. St James points out that prayer is key to life, but above all, if anyone wanders from the truth and someone brings him back that person will save his soul. It is in the forgotten dignity of the human family that we need to reindulcate the values of moral living and behavior. It is in the family that we can recognize each member with the respect and dignity they deserve. In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, let us return to humility and long to be the least of the brethren as we aim to repair and restore the dignity of God's works of art.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

Lord God, who searches every human heart, your will is that we should be a family. Lead us with your Spirit to recognize and respect the dignity of each child and of all creation begotten by your Word. May we learn to always embrace the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and Mary, Mother of Jesus, and in humility surrender all things to your Will. Let us, as families, be seeds of hope and first fruits in the world, rooted in faith and love. Amen.



## **Trinity Sunday; 26 May 2024**

**Deut 4, 32-34;39-40; Rom 8, 14-17; Mat 28,16-20**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit**

Laudato Si' 100 *"The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship...This leads us to direct our gaze to the end of time, when the Son will deliver all things to the Father, so that "God may be everything to every one" (1 Cor 15:28). Thus, the creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise because the risen One is mysteriously holding them to himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence."*

### **Reflection**

The wonder of creation bears the footprint of the Trinity (Father the Creator, Son the Redeemer and Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier). The Old Law finds its fulfilment in the New Law in Jesus Christ who sets free all creation. When Jesus Christ had completed his work on earth, he sent the Holy Spirit to bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God (Rom 8,16), thus heirs and coheirs with Christ in the responsibility over creation. So, the Great Commission testifies to this responsibility of conversion, unity and communion in the Triune God.

### **Prayer for Families and Ecological Life**

God our father, who by sending into the world the Word of Truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us we pray that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of the eternal glory and adore Your unity, power and majesty through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever amen.