



Companions in Action

Caring for our Common Home

An appeal from Pope Francis

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know things can change. The creator never abandons us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone... We require a new and universal solidarity... As the bishops of Africa have stated: "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation." All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvement and talents. Laudato Si'

As participants in the Companions in Action you are called to take up this challenge!

Things to do!

- **Embrace lifestyle change**
 - All humanity is called upon to embrace significant lifestyle changes that will mean that we are serious about caring for creation
- **Speak out for environmental justice**
 - The created world needs us to speak out.
 - Decisions are made by those who show up!
- **Think globally!**
 - We are part of the global human village
 - Climate change is already having an impact on the most marginalized
 - We have a moral obligation to act now
- **Pray!**
 - The environmental crisis may seem an insurmountable one, but Christians are people of hope and we believe that with God ALL things are possible
- **Take the Laudato Si' Pledge**
 - <http://livelaudatosi.org/>
 - Find out more about Laudato Si' and ways that we can all embrace change