

# LAUDATO SI

## ON CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

### FACT SHEET

- The title is expanded upon in the very first paragraph. Laudato Si, Mi Signore. Those in the Franciscan family know this introduction or may be familiar with it. It originates from the Canticle of Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi that begins,
  - “Praise be to you, my Lord.”
- Laudato Si was released to the public at the Vatican on Thursday, June 18, 2015.
- Chapters, Paragraphs, and other information
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### A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O 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. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice love and peace.

Amen

