

International Mother Earth Day

April 22, 2016

*“Our common home is like a
beautiful mother who opens her arms
to embrace us.*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si’



Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name
through all the earth!
You have set your majesty above the heavens! ...
When I see your heavens, the work of your hands,
The moon and stars that you set in place —
What are humans that you are mindful of them,
Mere mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than a god,
crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them rule over the works of your hands,
Put all things at their feet:
All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
And whatever swims the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Earth

O amazing Creator, there is no end to the awe we feel in the face of your magnificent creation. Words cannot convey our gratitude for such an undeserved gift. We praise you for the beauty that stops us in our tracks wherever we turn. We revere you for the fecundity of creation that has spewed forth life and goodness for billions of years. We thank you for the multitude of ways that the natural world sustains and nourishes us in body and spirit. We are humbled that we are part of such a display of your glory. Our hearts overflow with love for You, revealed in the wonder of creation. May all the angels and saints join us in our song of gratitude, praising You forever and ever. Amen.

*We, Sisters of Bon Secours, women of healing,
defend and care for all creation.*

How is our healing ministry reflected in your care for Earth?
Notice all the ways Earth cares for you and return the favor.