

World Environment Day ~ ~ June 5

"If we approach nature and the environment with openness to awe and wonder...
if we feel intimately united with all that exists,
then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

Each World Environment Day is organized around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018, "Beat Plastic Pollution," is a call to action for all of us to come together to combat one of the great environmental challenges of our time. The theme invites us all to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife – and our own health. While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become over-reliant on single-use or disposable plastic – with severe environmental consequences.

Prayer for God's Creatures

*Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends the animals,
especially for animals who are suffering;
for animals that are overworked,
underfed and cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures in captivity
that beat their wings against bars;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted
or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put death.*

*We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.*

Author - Albert Schweitzer

