



First Friday Reflection

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TWELVE FIRST FRIDAY STEPS TOWARDS THE LAUDATO SI GOALS



AWARENESS

"An integral ecology is felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us." (Pope Francis)

PRAYER

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home.

ACTION

Am I connected to an action group that cares for the earth or for the poor?

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Australian Reflection

The University of Queensland has developed a [Carbon Literacy Program](#) aimed at getting people to care for the Earth through education on climate change. Below is a selection of the resources from the program available for self study. Let's understand, reflect, and act to build a better world!

- The Risks to Australia of a 3°C Warmer World (Australian Academy of Science) ([Video](#)) ([Report](#))
- Comparing Climate Impacts at 1.5°C, 2°C, 3°C and 4° (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)) ([ClimateNexus](#))
- [Ecological Footprint Calculator](#) (WWF) / [How Rich Am I? Calculator](#) (Giving What We Can)
- [Extreme Carbon Inequality](#) (Oxfam) (Figure 1)
- Lifestyle Change and System Change are Two Sides of the Same Coin (Climate Outreach) ([Video](#)) ([Report](#))
- [The Secret of Talking about Climate Change](#) (Action For The Climate Emergency)
- [Five Characteristics of Science Denial](#) (UQx)
- Discourses of Climate Delay ([Illustration](#) - Leonard Chemineau) ([Article](#) - Cambridge)