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Global Catholic Climate Movement Supports Pope Francis's April Prayer Intention for Creation, Provides Prayer Resources

In support of Pope Francis's April prayer intention for environmental protection—"That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God"—the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#) announces its "Care4Creation Month" prayer campaign by offering resources to help individuals, parishes, and religious communities pray for the protection of the natural and human environment.

The [Care4Creation Month campaign](#) includes reflections on the Stations of the Cross based on Saint John Paul II's call for an "ecological conversion," a specially developed set of meditations for the Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful, and Luminous mysteries of the Rosary, and a Litany to the Holy Trinity, the Creator. There are also posters, liturgical aids, daily meditations, and other help.

The group's invitational letter to parishes states, "in April 2015 we would like to invite your parish community to join Pope Francis' universal prayer intention for creation and prepare for his upcoming encyclical on ecology and climate change. Our concern for creation is above all a concern for life and what is life-giving."

"Recognizing that it is Christ who makes all things new," said Bill Patenaude, a founding member of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and author of CatholicEcology.net, "we eagerly join our voices to Pope Francis's prayer intention for April. And we ask others to join us. We pray for the virtue to live in accord with God's laws. We pray for mercy for our sins against each other and against the natural order. And given that issues like climate change can cause division, we especially pray for unity within the Church and a willingness to act." The Global Catholic Climate Movement encourages parishes to organize special holy hours in April with Eucharistic adoration and Benediction by including Pope Francis's prayer intention and the provided prayer resources.

The Global Catholic Climate Movement is an international network of around 100 Catholic organizations aiming to mobilize Catholics around the world for climate action, in line with Catholic values, especially the protection of creation and all life. The movement has recently completed a [Lenten Fast for Climate Justice](#) and currently offers a [petition](#) asking to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees C, in line with a letter from Catholic bishops on all continents, developed for the climate meeting in Lima, last December.

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Notes for Editor

Founded in 2014, the GCCM is an organization of lay Catholics, clergy, and religious, scientists and activists, networking through new media to promote worldwide reflection, prayer and action on Catholic teaching on the care of God's Creation. Further information on the GCCM can be found at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

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