

# Everything is connected – Pope Francis

This reflection is sourced from a wonderful prayer resource developed by our friends at Mercy Partners.

The recent celebrations for Laudato Si' week, now also designated as a Laudato Si' year focused on the mantra that everything is connected.

## **Everyone and everything matters!**

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis reiterates the fact that in our world nothing is expendable, no creatures have less value than others, no person has more rights to the earth's resources.



*.....economic powers continue to justify the current global system where priority tends to be given to speculation and the pursuit of financial gain (56).*

*These situations have caused sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, to cry out, pleading that we take another course. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years.....The problem is that we still lack the culture needed to confront this crisis. We lack leadership capable of striking out on new paths and meeting the needs of the present with concern for all and without prejudice towards coming generations (53).*

*Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it....(139)*

## **Let's celebrate the blessing of God in all creation as we pray**

God of the glistening sun on the ocean,  
The wind whispering in the trees,  
The laughter of the children,  
The wisdom of the elders.  
Help us to recognise  
The oneness of all things  
And celebrate human creativity,  
Compassion, endurance and love.  
Empower us to recognise  
The oneness of all things  
In the wonder of Your creation.  
Amen