



**Diocesi di
Assisi – Nocera Umbra – Gualdo Tadino**



Commissione “Spirito di Assisi”

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Dear,

The urgency of safeguarding creation is far from unrelated to the theme of peace for which we are invited to pray monthly in the spiritual wake of the meeting of representatives of religions held in Assisi on 27 October 1986. Not only in our Christian faith, but in all religions, do we feel the fundamental relationship with nature that bears the imprint of God; it is an ambassador of his love, a gift of life...

Therefore, to respond to the ecological crisis that knows no borders and threatens life with consequences that can be catastrophic, religions are called to hold hands in the defence of creation. We are also well aware of the intimate relationship that exists between the ecological question and armed conflicts, between climate change and migration, between pollution and the threat to human life, between the fires in the Amazon, Siberia and in other areas of the planet and the greenhouse effect. From the earth, as well as from every living being, a cry of pain seems to arise that religions, with all men and women of good will, are called to embrace together to build an authentic peace.

For these reasons, on September 27th, we invite you to turn to the one God to ask him to help us respect and protect the earth, our common home, committing ourselves to adopt consequent lifestyles and to promote local and planetary political choices, aimed at preserving all of creation of which the human being is part. *“Laudato si’, mi’ Signore, cum*

tucte le tue creature". ("Praised be you, my Lord, through all your creatures"). These accents of the Canticle of Saint Francis of Assisi, which are the golden thread of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato sì*, are also the golden thread of our prayer.

The Lord give you peace.

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