



Season of Creation Celebration

Music suggestions:

For the Beauty of the Earth, Pierpoint, Kocher; Canticle of the Sun, Marty Haugen; All Creatures of Our God and King, Draper; Grand Canyon Suite

Ambiance suggestions:

Seasonal greens, flowers, succulents; seeds, new shoots, buds, full blooms



Introduction/opening prayer: Adventure with the Spirit (antiphonally)

God of our past, our present, and our future,
You call us from a future abundant in grace,
Full of challenge, and rich in possibility.

**You invite us to leave the familiar, to forge new paths,
To risk moving forward with the destination unknown.**



Grant us continually renewed fidelity
To the radical call of the gospel and to our founding charism.

**Help us to listen deeply as we discern together
Our response to the needs of our community,
The church, and the world today.**

All: **Launch us anew with passionate love,
Give us a daring spirit.
Fill us with hope.**

34th SNJM General Chapter Prayer

Readings:

Laudato Si', #45

God calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitely to our heart, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!

SNJM Chapter Acts of the 34th General Chapter, Integral Ecology

Integral ecology highlights the intrinsic interconnectedness among environmental, economic, political, social, cultural and ethical realities. It requires a comprehensive vision to address what are simultaneously environmental and human crises. In the words of Pope Francis, “The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together, and we cannot adequately combat environment degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation ... The gravest effects ... on the environment are suffered by the poorest.”

Laudato Si’, #48

Reflection questions:

What touches you?

What challenges you?

What is God calling us/me to at this moment?

Time for reflection/sharing

Intercessory prayers:

Creator God, your “love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.” As we explore the wonders and the mysteries of our cosmic universe, help us to do so respectfully so that we maintain the dignity of life, however it exists in the present unknown.

Creator God, help us be curious about and supportive of our cosmic universe.

Redeeming God, you gifted us with our Home Planet, Earth. Help us to keep in mind the common good of all peoples as we recognize “...the gravest effects ... on the environment are suffered by the poorest.”

Redeeming God, guide us so that we save ourselves as we save our planet Earth.

Spirit of God, “Launch us anew with passionate love. Give us a daring spirit as you fill us with hope.” Help us to work together with other nations to make the changes necessary to slow down, stop, and reverse the horrific effects of climate change in our lifetime.

Spirit of God, enlighten our minds and move our hearts to respond compassionately to the needs of our Sister Earth.

Closing prayer: "A Prayer for Our Earth" from Laudato Si' (antiphonally)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

And in the smallest of creatures.

You embrace, with your tenderness, all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,



**That we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live.**

O God of the poor,
Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
So precious in your eyes.

**Bring healing to our lives,
That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
At the expense of the poor and the earth.**



Extend hands in blessing over each other and over the creation gifts (ambiance).



**ALL: Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
To be filled with awe and contemplation,
To recognize that we are profoundly united
With every creature as we journey towards your infinite
light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love
and peace.**



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