

September 1, 2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am sending you my monthly letter on September 1, the day our Beloved Church calls for a World Day of Prayer for Care for Creation. May we honor that call and pray in person or in Spirit with our Franciscan family, answering the call and praying for our Sister Mother Earth. Our Saint called us to this 800 years ago and calls for it again today.

Our attention is also called to Afghanistan and all those in the world who are leaving their ancestral homes to find safety. At the end of 2020, the United National estimated that 82 million people were forcibly displaced from their homes due to persecution, violence, conflict, or other events that disturbed the public order, including climate disruption. Our Catholic scientists have alerted us to continuing migration worldwide from climate chaos that renders certain parts of the world uninhabitable. The areas are increasing. These “climate refugees” will add to the already burgeoning figures.

Therefore, as we hold our Sister, Mother Earth, in our prayers today, let us pray for people fleeing from Afghanistan and other areas of the world, and keep our reflections upon the future of migration due to climate. I offer you the prayer for Migrants and Refugees from our Bishops. It can be found the USCCB website, and I reproduce it here.

Let us continue to unite our voices for justice, peace, and care for creation.

Peace and All Good,  
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