

Prayer Services for the Season of Creation from the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa Week One: Cinema Divina Prayer Service

Presider: In the tradition of Lectio Divina, a form of prayer where we listen to the Word of God in Scripture and sit with what passages spoke directly to our hearts, we are inviting you to join us in Cinema Divina. We will take this opportunity to watch a movie and sit with portions that speak directly to our hearts. As you watch this movie, consider for yourselves these questions: "What did I find surprising about this movie?" "What made me sad?" "What gave me hope or inspired me?" "Where did I see God's hand at work?" "Is there a passage from Scripture that surfaced in me as I watched this movie?"

Holding these questions close to our hearts, let us begin:

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Watch: The Soil Story (https://youtu.be/nvAoZ14cP7Q)

Questions for shared reflection: (Share what feels comfortable. You do not need to answer all of these questions.)

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Closing Prayer Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

The Opening Prayer is an excerpt from https://www.laudatosi.org/pope-francis/a-prayer-for-the-earth/.



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