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SEASON OF CREATION 2022

## Prayer Services for the Season of Creation from the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa Directions for Week Two: Connected to Creation

### **General directions for leading a prayer service:**

(If you have led prayer services before, you probably do not need this section.)

1. If you are new to leading prayer services or are gathering together a new group for prayer, we encourage you to be creative and engage this prayer service in the way that best suits those you are praying with. For example, if you are praying with a family with young children, you might want to adjust the language to better suit a younger audience.
2. We have created a “Presider” role that can be filled by one person. You may also invite different people to lead the various sections of the prayer service.
3. The prayer service is formatted so that you can visually see when there can be a pause between sections. If there is a break between lines, pause before reading the next section of the prayer service. This will enable participants to more fully reflect on the prayer.

### **What you will need for the Connected to Creation Prayer Service:**

1. You need a person (or persons) to lead the prayer service.
2. You will need to let the group know how you are dividing into “Side 1” and “Side 2” for the reading of Psalm 19.
3. You will need a way to share the YouTube video. Set up the video prior to the prayer service so that it is ready for you to view it. You will only be watching a portion of the video so have it ready to begin playing at 9:15.
4. You will need copies of the Connected to Creation Prayer Service and the Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace prayer.

### **Specific Directions for the Connected to Creation Prayer Service:**

1. Watching the YouTube video of *Ecospirituality: Clues for Living* is a central section of this prayer service. Encourage participants to view the video in a reflective way so that they are open to God in the viewing.
2. Give enough time for the group to prayerfully reflect on the video before moving into the Closing Prayer.