

Third Conversation

'Lord, after your prayer in the Garden soldiers and guards took you arrested you and dragged you off to the authorities. We in our times take Nature by force and betray her kindness to us.

Pope Francis says: **"Our Sister, Mother Earth, now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. Our violence is reflected in the sickness of soil, water, air and in all forms of life."** (2).

"We can feel the drying up of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. (89). Our goal... is to become painfully aware, to dare to turn the pain of Nature into our own personal suffering, and thus to discover what each of us can do about it."
(19)

Lord, take away my deafness so that I may hear the groaning of Nature. Grant that I may feel pain for her as for a loving sister whom I have wronged. Teach me how to heal her wounds. Amen.'

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