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Caring for our Common Home

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1. As I begin my prayer with an open and generous heart and I humbly and trustingly ask for the **grace** of enduring commitment and active engagement in the care of creation.
2. I relish the beauty and marvel of creation—a beautiful gift of the Creator to me and I pray and sing with the Psalmist in Psalm 8:2, 4-5:

² *O LORD, our Lord,
how awesome is Your name through all the earth!*

⁴ *When I see the heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and stars that You set in place—*

⁵ *What is man that You are mindful of him,
and a son of man that you care for him?*

- In prayer, I call to mind how the Lord God, our Creator, made every creature carefully and lovingly. As I look at all His creation, I become aware of feelings and emotions evoked. I also listen with the ear of my heart to His message for me.
- Then, I see myself being created and recreated by God (Psalm 8: 6-7):
*“you have made him little less than angels,
with glory and honor you crowned him.
You have given him rule over the works of your hand,
putting all things under his feet.”*
- I get in touch with my inner movements as I open myself to God working in me.
- I take some time to thank the Lord for not only creating me but for choosing me and consecrating me to continue His mission here on earth.

3. I pray over Capitular Acts p. 32 and consider its meaning for me and my community today:

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- How am I urged to respond concretely to the Church's invitation to take care of God's creation?
- How responsible am I in the use of media?

I consider these questions and talk about them with the Lord.

4. I spend some time in the presence of the Lord. I send positive vibrations and pray over those that have been hurt because of man's careless attitude towards creation and ask for forgiveness for times I have been careless myself.
5. **Points for Sharing:** As God's steward, how will I devote myself in taking care of His creation? As a community, what concrete actions can we do to meet the challenge to safeguard God's beautiful creation and to give witness to Christ in the digital world?