

## PEACE: CARING FOR CREATION

Have we severed our relationship with creation? Ask for forgiveness, make reparations, make peace, and the relationship will be repaired.

"In our day there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened ... also by a lack of due respect for nature" (St. John Paul II, *Message for the 1990 World Day of Peace: Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation*).



"Protecting the natural environment in order to build a world of peace is thus a duty incumbent upon each and all. ... May this be clear to world leaders and to those at every level who are concerned for the future of humanity: the protection of creation and peacemaking are profoundly linked! ... [T]ake to heart the urgent appeal: If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Message for the 2010 World Day of Peace: If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation*).

"All the peoples of the earth, all men and women of good will, we must raise our voice in defense of these two precious gifts: peace and nature – Sister Mother Earth, as Saint Francis of Assisi called her." Pope Francis