

Stewardship

Teach your children what we have taught our children that the earth is our mother. What ever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. This we know. The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected-like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. What ever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, We do to ourselves.

Chief Seattle

We all live here. People, ants, elephants, trees, lizards, lichen, turtles, bees. We all share the same big home. We share air, water, soil, sky, sun, rain, and being alive. And we all share one home, here on Earth. One precious living home.

Linda Glaser, Our Big Home: An Earth Poem, 2000

For brother sun, who brings the day and gives us light,
Be praised, my Lord.
For sister moon and the stars,
Be praised, my Lord
For brother wind,
Be praised, my Lord.
For sister water,
Be praised, my Lord.
For brother fire, who is fair and happy and strong,
Be praised, my Lord.
For mother earth, who brings for fruit and grasses and bright flowers,
Be praised, my Lord.
For all your creatures,
Be praised, my Lord.

Canticle of the Creatures (simplified) by St Francis

What do I do to take care of the earth before lunchtime each day?

What *resources* do I have? What do I share?

What changes do we need to make in the way that people live in the world so that we better honor the earth and it's relationship with us?

How is not wasting paper related to honoring God?