

Countdown to the Sept 21, 2014 Climate March in New York City. Here are some ways to pray with us en route or from a distance. Adapt and share as you are able. In any case join in.

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Join us! CND Friends,  
Associates & Sisters.  
Canada, United States,  
Japan, Honduras,  
Guatemala, El Salvador,  
Cameroon, France

Choose your location and music, instruments and vestiture for these Prayer suggestions for the Day. Send your photos or comments to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CongregationofNotreDame> / English; tweets @CND Sisters, <https://www.cnd-m.org> – CND Creation Collaborators, J Hanrahan

**A Morning Prayer** – Upon awakening Antiphon: O my soul Wake Up, wake up and be thankful, for your blessed privilege to be prayerful.

I have the immense joy of being [human], a member of the race in which God became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are walking around shining like the sun. by Thomas Merton, *Field of Compassion*, Judy Cannato 2010.

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**A Noon day Prayer** from Chief Seattle and Wendell Berry –

**Antiphon:** This we know. The earth does not belong to people. People belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the people of the earth. We did not weave the web of life. We are but a mere strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. Chief Seattle.

**Psalm:** “Work Song” By: Wendell Berry  
Side One -If we will have the wisdom  
 to survive,  
 To stand like slow-growing trees  
 On a ruined place, renewing, enriching  
 it, If we will make our seasons welcome  
 here, Asking not too much of earth or  
 heaven, then a long time after we are  
 dead The lives our lives prepare will  
 live Here, their houses strongly placed  
 Upon the valley sides, fields and  
 gardens Rich in the windows.

Side Two - The river will run  
 Clear, as we will never know it,  
 And over it, birdsong like a canopy.  
 On the levels of the hills will be  
 Green meadows, stock bells in noon  
 shade. On the steps where greed and  
 ignorance cut down The old forest, an  
 old forest will stand, Its rich leaf-fall  
 drifting on its roots.

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Holy is the name of each one who does justice.  
 Blessed is the memory of each person who cares.  
 Beautiful are the feet of those who walk in courage.  
 Exalted are the ones who eradicate poverty.

Holy is Earth in its entirety.  
 Blessed is each fruit of the land.  
 Beautiful are the creatures with  
 legs, fins, and wings.  
 Exalted are the ones who till the soil.

Holy is the hope that sustains.

Side One - The veins of forgotten  
 springs will have opened. Families will  
 be singing in the fields. In their voices  
 they will hear a music Risen out of the  
 ground. They will take Nothing from  
 the ground they will not return,  
 Whatever the grief at parting.

Side Two - **Memory, Native to this valley, will spread over it Like a grove, and memory will grow into legend, legend into song, song into sacrament.**

ALL - The abundance of this place,  
 the songs of its people and its birds,  
 will be health and wisdom and  
 indwelling light. This is not paradisaal  
 dream. Its hardship is its possibility.

Blessed is bounty shared.  
 Beautiful are the children's children.  
 Exalted are those who struggle.

**An Evening Prayer** in the spirit of Marguerite Bourgeoys.

**Antiphon:** What is the great work of the CND in this age of the great turning toward the ecozoic? The same work that is for us and for all from the beginning of our Congregation and the beginning of the world: "you shall love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." What Marguerite would have us do now is what we have always been called to do. And so we must show similar concern and resolve, en masse, en route about climate change for our neighbors of creation.

### **Psalm\* - Energy Vision Statement**

**WE BELIEVE** that earth does not belong to us, but that we belong to earth, our home planet that is alive with the creative energy of God. God's desire that all creation may have fullness of life means that we are called to co-create by cooperating with all life systems. We believe that we are now also called to face the potential catastrophe of global climate change and, in solidarity with many others, to help solve this problem. We believe that cooperation and ingenuity can make renewable energy resources efficient and affordable within this decade.

**WE REJECT** the assumption that access to the resources needed by all Earth's people can be limited to the ownership and profit-taking of a few. We reject corporation tactics that threaten, exploit, and coerce landowners and residents and that risk public health and safety. We reject an economic system that promotes wasteful consumption of energy and other natural resources. We reject the extraction of energy sources by plundering Earth, endangering and destroying forests, wildlife, flora, the health of all species and polluting land, air, and water. We reject the belief that climate change is not caused by human activity, and we equally reject the assumption that humanity is incapable of making the changes needed to reverse the trends leading to climate change.

**WE COMMIT** ourselves to care for God's creation, upholding both the ideal of common good now and the well being of future generations. We will learn, teach, and model alternative ways of viewing energy sourcing and conservation that reduce risks to water, land, air, climate, and human safety. We commit ourselves to use our spiritual and social resources and our public credibility in all possible ways to promote the transition from fossil fuel energy to renewable energy resources. We commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with those land-owners and residents who resist the

abuses of corporate power and greed. We will advocate for adequate government regulation of all energy resources. We will examine the options of divestment and shareholder actions for our investments in fossil fuel industries and for increasing our investments in renewable energy sources.

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**\*The General Administration of the Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal and the Provincial Administration of Blessed Sacrament Province sang onto this Statement in 2014. See link: <http://www.lorettocommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Energy-Vision-Statement-4.17.14.pdf>**



### **Night Prayer**

Glory to You Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be Amen.