



Rome, 20/4/2021

Dear Confreres,

On this World Earth Day, April 22, we are invited to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Please be attentive to the initiatives taking place in your community, despite the obstacles imposed by the pandemic. Please also be concerned for the earth in your personal and community prayers.

Prayer intention

- Lord, we pray you for our common home and heritage, in particular for the continent of Africa affected by the consequences of climate change: Storms, tornados, cyclones which devastate its countryside and cities. Inspire us and all people of good will to work towards the ending of deforestation, the pollution of our cities, the abusive exploitation of the mineral deposits, causing the ruin of our Common Home.
- Lord, we ask for your blessing and protection for the men, women and children who are exposed to multiple dangers in the mining environment. Guide them and protect them. Call and send pastoral workers, your disciples of today, to this vulnerable world, often victims of exploitation and injustice!

Final prayer

Father, you who showed us your infinite love through that first gesture of love of Creation, give us a merciful and generous heart towards our poorest brothers and sisters abandoned by our selfishness and indifference.

Grant them to be valued and respected there in their place, in their land. Make us aware of our lifestyles and in our daily lives direct our Spirit and actions to take care of and be kind to our sister Earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your son who admired your creation and communicated to us that the love you feel for all your children is more, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary who is our mother. Amen



Fraternally
Andreas