

# COP 21

## Join Mercy in prayer on 'The Road to Paris'

The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 21 will be held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December. The Conference objective is to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate.

While not a key date in the Mercy International Reflection Process, **COP21** is a significant global event in this time of preparation.

Sisters of Mercy and partners-in-Mercy are invited to pray the **prayer for the earth** from **Laudato Si'** for a successful outcome of this conference. Congregations and Institutes are each taking responsibility for the prayer on one of the 12 days of the conference:

- **30 November**-Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy (Ireland)
- **1 December**- Sisters of Mercy Aotearoa New Zealand
- **2 December**- Sisters of Mercy Brisbane Congregation
- **3 December**-Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- **4 December**-Sisters of Mercy (Philippines)
- **5 December**- Sisters of Mercy of the Union of Great Britain
- **6 December**- Sisters of Mercy Parramatta Congregation
- **7 December**-The Institute of Our Lady of Mercy
- **#8 December**- Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia & PNG
- **9 December**- Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland
- **10 December**- The Federation of the Sisters of Mercy
- **11 December**-Sisters of Mercy North Sydney Congregation

#All Sisters and partners-in-Mercy are invited to participate in the Circle of Prayer on the 8 December for the commencement of the Year of Mercy.

### Prayer for the earth

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.*

*You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature*

*as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day.*

*Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.*

- Pope Francis



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