

**CAN YOU SPARE
5 MINUTES ?**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**



**THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**

Pope Francis in his message for the 2018 *World Day of Prayer for The Care of Creation* mentions “a growing sense of the need for a renewed and sound relationship between humanity and creation” and wants to “draw attention to the question of *water*.” He says “access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right ... every privatization ... , at the expense of the human right to have access ... , is unacceptable.” Pope Francis adds: “We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic. ... our active commitment is needed to confront this emergency. We need to pray as if everything depended on God... , and work as if everything depended on us... let us be concerned for the younger generation and pray for them, that they may grow in knowledge and respect for our common home and in the desire to care for ...water, for the benefit of all. It is my prayerful hope that Christian communities may contribute more and more concretely...” What can we do?

We can cut down on plastic bottled water and use metal refillable bottles filled with clean tap filtered water. You could watch the Youtube video (1 min 58 secs) [#CleanSeas Break-Up PSA: "It's not me, it's you."](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DEc16dEMns>

Pope Francis says he is grateful for “efforts being made to develop more sustainable agriculture and more responsible nutrition.” There is something we can do about that too! We can watch another video (1 minute 30 seconds), suitable for young people, the future generation! Then we can sign a petition that links rain forest clearing to about 40% of the products we find in our supermarkets. They focus on the *palm oil* in our food and other products, e.g. shampoo, and the effect that *deforestation* to produce the oil has on *orangutans*. The video is by *Greenpeace UK* and entitled “Rang-tan and dirty palm oil”. It will appeal to children. It links deforestation to animal and human rights and explains why we should act try to solve the problem. It is a concrete example of what the Pope wants us to do to protect creation (the natural environment) and leads to an action by asking us to sign a self explanatory petition to big brands to stop using palm oil from forest destroyers. Video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQQXstNh45g> and petition here: <http://greenpeace.org/saverangtan>

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