



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As we take the first step, let us remember the traditional custodians of the land



Pope Francis has recently proclaimed care for creation, for our common home, as the 8th work of mercy.

We may, as we age, not able to be engaged in a whole lot of activity on behalf of our common home but we can do lots of small things and we can express our appreciation of the beauty of Earth and the whole cosmic universe.

The pope has made care for creation the keynote of his papacy, according to John Allen Jr, Vatican watcher journalist.

Thinking about this and joying in the new life spring is bringing to our garden I find myself thanking God for this beauty and sending it care and compassion – extending the field of compassion for and care of creation.

A bottlebrush that has hardly flowered since it was planted at least a decade ago has suddenly flowered exuberantly and the birds are loving it! The cucifix orchids at our steps are blossoming and providing colour with their deep orange. The minah birds – who have chased most of the other birds away – have birthed two plumb babies and I delighted in watching the parents teach them to fly. The jasmine vine on our verandah rail has overpowered me with its perfume. The birds swoop and feast among the bushes constantly.

Spring has indeed sprung and I can indeed care for our common home with my expressions of gratitude.

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