

REFLECTION 1

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the earth?

Are we considering how our choices will impact the earth and its precious resources?

Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n92

Creator God,
You fill the earth with life,
Lead us to live in harmony with
the earth you have created.
May we respect all life from the
smallest of plants to the tallest
of trees, the vastness of the
oceans to the majesty of
mountains and the tiniest insects
to the wildest beasts.
We ask this in your name.
Amen

REFLECTION 2

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the poor?

Are we considering how our choices will affect all forms of life, especially those who are most vulnerable?

The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n48



God of Compassion,
You made us in your image
and likeness,
Open our eyes to see you in others,
Open our ears to your cry,
And open our hearts to love like you,
So that we may live as
one human family.
We ask this in your name.
Amen

REFLECTION 3

ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Are we responding in a way that is considering ecological economics? Are our economic transactions supporting ecology through sustainable, ethical and fair production, consumption and investment?

This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. “Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act”.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n206



God of Wisdom,
You gifted us with right judgement and courage.
Help us to share the Earth's resources fairly and to use them wisely.
Stand with us as we speak out against inequality and injustice.
Guide our thoughts and actions as we care for our common home.
We ask this in your name.
Amen

REFLECTION 4

ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

Are we responding in a way that leads to a simpler lifestyle?

Are we considering ways in which we can use less resources and energy systems as we go about our daily life?

We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n18



God of Love,
You walk beside us, guiding our path, Teach us to simplify our lives, to pause, to slow our steps and to be mindful of all of creation, so that we may truly enjoy the richness of your love.
We ask this in your name.
Amen

REFLECTION 5

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Are we responding in a way that respectfully educates others towards integral ecology?

Are we considering that our actions will educate others? Are we mindfully educating others to promote ecological awareness and action?

There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n211



God of All,
You teach us how to live so
that others may simply live.
Through our words and
actions may we inspire others
to do the same.
We ask this in your name.
Amen

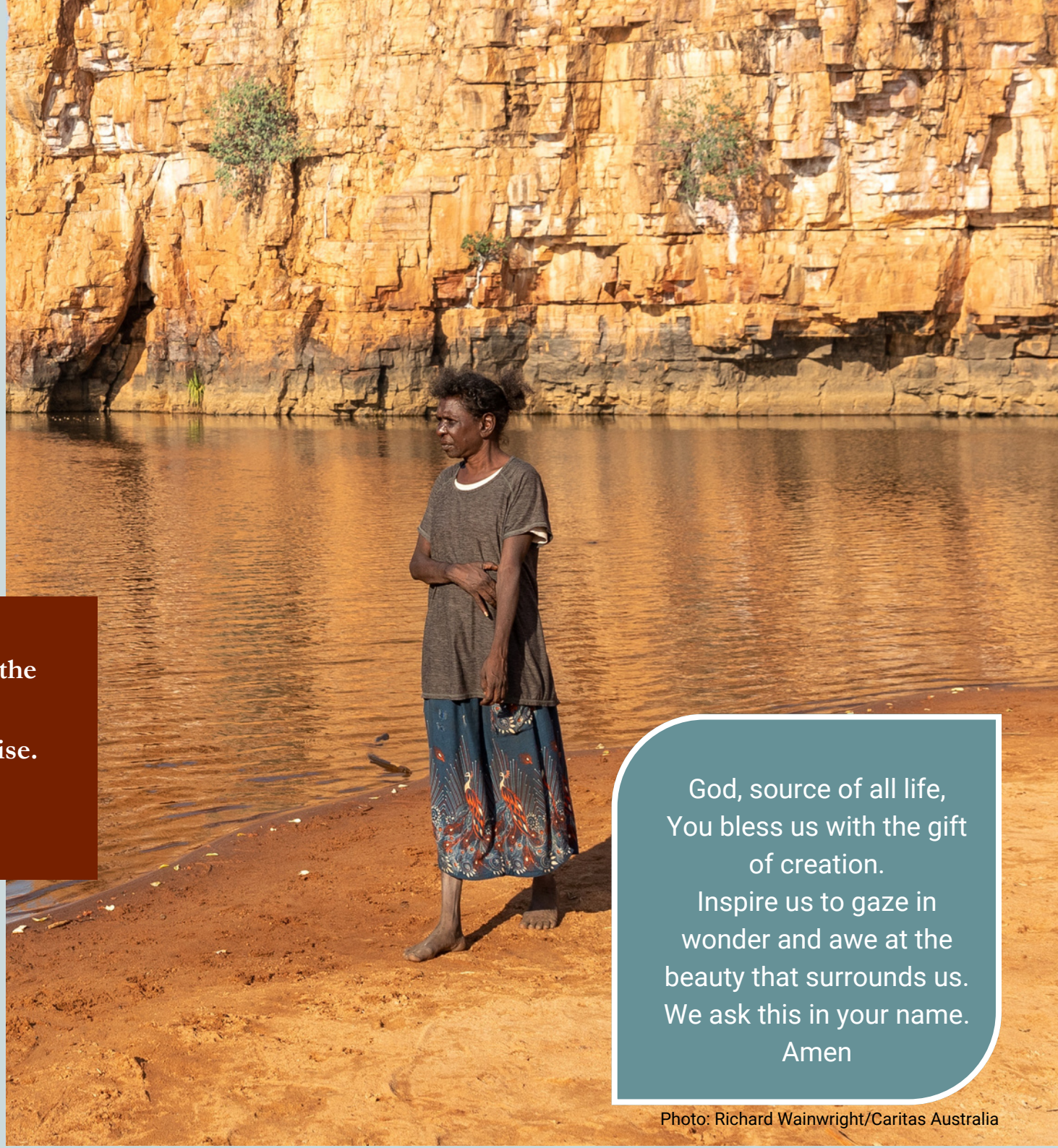
REFLECTION 6

ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Are we responding in a way that joyfully praises God and God's creation? Are we encouraging greater contact with the natural world, bringing others into an awareness of creation and the marvels of it? Are we promoting a spirit of wonder, awe, praise, thanksgiving and joy?

Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n12



God, source of all life,
You bless us with the gift
of creation.

Inspire us to gaze in
wonder and awe at the
beauty that surrounds us.
We ask this in your name.

Amen

REFLECTION 7

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Are we responding in a way that promotes community involvement and action?

Are we considering ways in which local, national and international communities can participate in action for care of creation?

If we can overcome individualism we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n208



God of Justice and Love,
You lead us on life's
journey through creation.
Guide us to act justly, love
tenderly and walk humbly
in your ways.
We ask this in your name.
Amen