

MERCY WELLSPRINGS

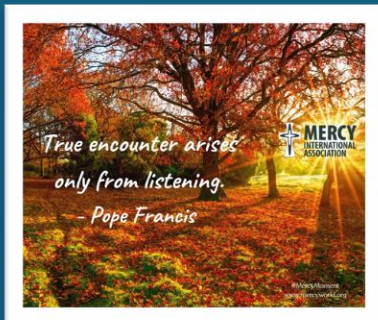
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Fuentes de la
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Self - Reflection:

- What simple practices do you already include in your daily routine that lead you to grateful contemplation of God's world?
- What might you do to grow in this kind of grateful contemplation, allowing you "to discover in each thing, a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us"?



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A word from Catherine...

**"We must try to be like
those rivers which enter
into the sea without losing
any of the
sweetness of the water."**

**The 8th Work of Mercy: Care for our Common Home– I
was Earth broken and wounded and you cared for me.**



Laudato Si'

On May 24, 2015: Pope Francis promulgated his encyclical (a letter which deals with some aspect of Catholic teaching), *Laudato Si'* (Praise be to you): *On Care of Our Common Home*. Unlike other papal encyclicals which are normally addressed to a particular audience, e.g., bishops in a specific country, all clergy throughout the world, etc., Pope Francis addresses *Laudato Si'* to "every person living on this planet". The encyclical can be found at:

<http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco20150524enciclica-laudato-si.html>

An eighth Work of Mercy

On September 1, 2016 Pope Francis declared that in addition to the seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy, an eighth work, 'care for our common home' would be included both as a spiritual work and as a corporal work.

As a *spiritual work of mercy*, the eighth work of mercy calls for a 'grateful contemplation of God's world' which 'allows us to discover in each thing, a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us.'

As a *corporal work of mercy*, care for our common home requires 'simple daily gestures, which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness' and 'makes itself felt in every action that seeks a better world.'

You might wish to view this brief video clip: [Orientation Intro 4 \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com/144444444)