

WED, April 22, 2020

Hello all,

As I write on this **Earth Day**, I see sunshine out my window, which is greening the grass and making the buds come alive on my lilac tree in my backyard. The weather outside though, as you know, is deceiving - it's terrifically cold out there! I read that, at one point today, we were the coldest capital in the world.

Stay warm, all.

I wanted to bring **Earth Day** to your attention today, to turn our hearts and minds to God's amazing Creation. We are called to tend to Creation, to protect it, to care for it. In a very broad sense, when we take care of the earth and one another, our work is pleasing to God, I believe. This article helpfully sets out some examples of how we can do this, in real-time, where we are right now:

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/04/17/opinion/10-lessons-covid-19-could-help-us-save-planet>

The tragedy in Nova Scotia has been on our collective minds, and we've likely all been holding folks in our hearts and prayers. The folks in Region 15 held a prayer vigil from 1 - 2 pm today and recorded it. You can find it here so that you may pray along with and for the families and loved ones of the victims.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-1s4Hqr6fA>

Please join me for a coffee break tomorrow morning at 10 am. Come to check-in, let us know how you are doing. Join the zoom call here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/343802793> or on your mobile phone here: One tap mobile

+16473744685,,343802793# Canada (Meeting ID: 343 802 793 in case you need it.)

As always, if you are feeling overwhelmed and would like to chat, please drop me a line or give me a call.

Blessings, Jenni

Prayer on Earth Day, 2020

May times of sorrow and grief end

Comfort and hope be near

Restoring us to new health

Glory and praise, not fear

Let us not fall back to old ways

Of depleting nature for our gain

Causing more grief and pain

United helpers be for new days

Become joint laborers in Divine Will

Teach others to love

What God has vouchsafed

Prophets of inspiration to thrill

That the spirit of humans

May become as beautiful as nature

God's harbinger of Hope

The Poet's visions of Divine Grace!