



DISCERNMENT

(From Listening to Action)

Return to the larger group

Each small group is invited to share briefly, their “We” perspective, focusing on what they sense the Holy Spirit is inviting them to.

Together as a BEC, identify a simple “Move to Action,” to help the Word take root in daily life.

For example:

- As families, to reduce waste, conserve water, or practice recycling intentionally.
- As a BEC, to organise a simple environmental initiative (clean-up, tree planting, awareness sharing).
- As individuals, to adopt a lifestyle of simplicity and gratitude rather than excess.

Intercessory Prayer

Facilitator invites all to voice short intentions, for example:

- *“Lord, help us to respect and protect Your creation.”*
- *“Lord, help us to change our habits that harm the earth.”*

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Closing Prayer

Conclude with:

- The Lord’s Prayer
- The Glory Be
- The Sign of Peace

Closing Hymn:

Canticle Of The Sun

Be praised, Most High, Almighty Lord
Yours the blessings and glory be.
Only honour belongs to you
for all eternity.
Be praised, Lord of the creature world,
And first Sir Brother and Sun.
Who through the day and light you give,
Reflects you, O Holy One.

Be praised through
Sister Moon and Stars,
Bright and precious they shine above.
Through Brother Wind and all
Weathers too
Be praised, O Lord of Love.
Through Sister Water, Lord be praised
For fair and chaste is She,
And Brother Fire that Lights the Night,
So strong and bright is He.

Be praised through Sister Mother Earth,
For She sustains and guides our way.
And yields so many fruits and grass
And flowers to brighten our day.
Be praised through all who pardon give,
For love of you bearing their pain.
Blessed men suffering peacefully,
They shall not cry in vain.

BECReflection

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE:

ECOLOGY: CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

As the People of God journeying together in faith, we are called to become a synodal and prophetic Church that listens, discerns and responds to the signs of the times. Our Christian vocation is not only to proclaim the Gospel but also to protect the dignity of life and the beauty of creation entrusted to us by God. The Church invites all people to ecological conversion and a renewed sense of responsibility towards caring for our common home. May our shared journey lead us to become faithful and courageous stewards of creation and witnesses of hope for the world.



ENCOUNTERING

Opening Hymn

All Creatures Of Our God And King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Opening Prayer

Loving Creator God, You have entrusted the earth to our care and called us to live in harmony with all that You have made. Open our eyes to see creation as Your gift, our hearts to feel responsibility rather than entitlement, and our hands to protect rather than exploit. Teach us to walk together as one community, to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and to live our faith through concrete actions of care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Pathway

From the beginning, God entrusted creation to humanity—not as owners, but as **caretakers**. The command to “till and keep” reveals a relationship of **responsibility, care, and restraint**. Creation is not merely a resource to be used, but a gift to be protected and shared.

Today, ecological crisis—climate change, pollution, loss of biodiversity—are not only environmental issues; they are **moral and spiritual concerns**. They affect the poor most severely and challenge our way of living together. How we treat creation reflects how we relate to God, one another, and future generations.

A synodal Church walks **together**, listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. A prophetic Church dares to change habits, challenge consumerism, and choose sustainable ways of living. Care for our common home is not an optional devotion—it is an expression of our faith in action.

This month, we reflect on how our BECs, and families can live a **creation-centered spirituality**, where gratitude, simplicity, and responsibility shape daily life.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.

Pause for a moment of prayerful silence to reflect on the above Scripture text and on how am I cultivating and caring the garden God has entrusted to me – my home, my community, my environment.



DIALOGUING

(Conversation in the Spirit)

Form small groups of 4 to 6 persons. Follow the three rounds of sharing. Keep one minute of silence between each sharing.

Round 1 – “I” Perspective

All are invited to share once only, for less than two minutes.
(No comments on others’ sharing.)

Considering Genesis 2:15 and today’s ecological challenges, what personal habits or attitudes am I being called to change to care for our common home?

(Thank each person after sharing. Observe one minute of silence.)

Round 2 – “You and I” Perspective

Participants respond to something they heard from another.

After hearing others:

- What struck me from what others shared?
- Where do I see common struggles or shared hopes?

(Observe one minute of silence.)

Round 3 – “We” Perspective

The facilitator invites the group to discern together.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to us as a BEC about how we can walk together in caring for creation?

(Thank each person after their sharing and observe 1 minute of silence before the next person continues)