

# JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS AOTEAROA

## PRAYER SHEET—JUNE 2021

In **2021 Matariki** will be celebrated between 19 June and 11 July. Whakanuia te tau hou Māori, 19 o Pipiri ki 11 o Hōngongoi **2021**.

During Matariki, we celebrate our unique place in the world. We give respect to the whenua on which we live, and admiration to our mother earth, Papatuanuku.

Throughout Matariki, we learn about those who came before us. Our history, our family, our bones.

Matariki signals growth. It's a time of change. It's a time to prepare, and a time of action. During Matariki, we acknowledge what we have and what we have to give.

Matariki celebrates the diversity of life. It's a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people.

Matariki is our Aotearoa Pacific New Year.



### Prayer at Matariki

*We share the prayers of the people*

In kauri and icon, in bread and wine  
in worship and shared meals



with kumara and puha, or fish and chips, or haggis and scotch  
we celebrate who we come from, who we are, and who we are yet to be.

**Aroha mai, aroha atu**

***Loving kindness received, loving kindness to others***

Wairua Tapu, whispering in a small voice or shouting in water's fall and siren's wail Creative Spirit that dances across the water, Soaring Spirit of mountain, Wild Spirit of wilderness speaking from burning bush, from tussock and hebe, from desert road and city street—we give thanks for our *hiko*i of faith, for our dreams of righteousness and acts of justice.

We give thanks for this place and all places of sharing and celebration where we can feel at home and be refreshed, and for all they mean to us, our place to stand and take a stand, our *turangawaewae*.

We give thanks for weekday visitors and concert-goers, performers and spectators, entrepreneurs and bureaucrats, dancers and addicts, and for ourselves: makers and breakers of promises, and of bread.

We give thanks that the table of hospitality is open to all, that we may come as *manuhiri* but go forth together, as *tangata whenua*.

**Aroha mai, aroha atu**

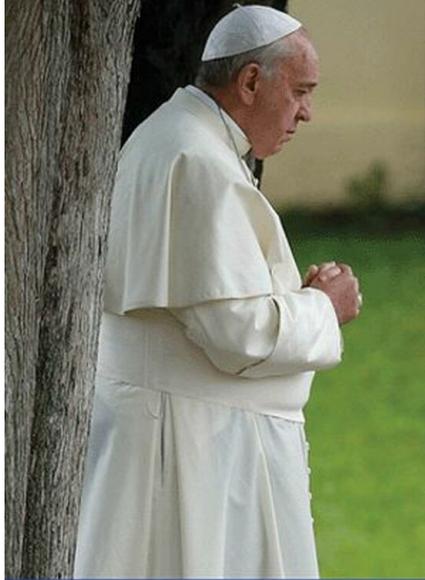
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# ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



*Laudato Si'*

## 'LAUDATO SI—PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH'

BY POPE FRANCIS

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,  
that we may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no one.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with respect for every creature,  
to recognize that we are all part of one  
human family.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
For justice, love and peace.

## Lights of the world

Light of Matariki stars  
Light of Marama – the moon  
Light of Ra – the sun

Light of worlds and galaxies  
reflect off us  
shine in us  
that we may be light-sharers  
love-makers  
care-givers

nga tamariki – children of earth and sky  
caring for our mother the earth  
our father the sky  
the atmosphere around us;  
dreamers and scatterers of stars.

Light  
Lightened  
Weightless  
Enlightened:

Let us be light.  
Let us shine!  
Amen.

