

## SNIPPETS FROM POPE FRANCIS & LAUDATO SI



### PRAYER FOR CLIMATE GRIEF

*Merciful God, we believe that you uphold and sustain all that you have made, while also lovingly giving us the freedom to live in relationship with the rest of creation. We ask your forgiveness for the ways we have abused that freedom, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We bring our lament and our longing for a renewed earth.*

*As your people, we come to you weary and heavy laden. We ask that you would make our grief holy in your eyes. Amen*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

**"Open your heart, forgive, give others the benefit of the doubt, understand, you, too, be close to others, be compassionate, be tender, like Jesus. We have to love each and every one, remembering in prayer that we are all sinners and at the same time loved individually by God. Loving the world in this way, loving it with tenderness, we will discover that each day and everything bears within it a fragment of God's mystery."**

*Pope Francis*

GENERAL AUDIENCE FEBRUARY 10, 2021

### Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

#### Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

***"Take courage, it is I do not be afraid"***

***[Mk. 6: 50]***

***Lord Jesus, sustain in us courage and a strong will as we respond to the ever growing and alarming crises in our Common Home.***

*The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. [LS 13]*



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