

HOW DO WE CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD?

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Psalms 19:1-4

Memory Verse

7 If you want to learn, then go and ask the wild animals and the birds, 8 the flowers and the fish. 9 Any of them can tell you what the Lord has done. 10 Every living creature is in the hands of God.

Job 12:7-10



CASEY'S DAY

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What's the difference between traveling by car and walking? (By "walking" or "hiking," I mean getting outside and moving in whatever way works for you: walking, rolling in a wheelchair, or strolling with a stroller.) Sure, walking takes longer than a car ride. You trade speed and comfort for a slower walk and the fresh air outside from one place to another.

One thing I noticed while walking was that the people before me had left their garbage behind. There was trash in many places along the road and on the trail. Of course, that's not how the world's supposed to be.

How is it supposed to be? Picture a white sandy beach, a mountain-top lookout, or the spray of a waterfall. These places can help us imagine what the Garden of Eden looked like. The garden must have been an incredibly beautiful place that both God and people enjoyed. Genesis 1:31 says, "God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good!" God created the world and gave us the job of taking care of it for him. God

wants us to respect nature: the air, water, trees, and the land. We're not in charge of the world to do whatever we want.

So how do we care for God's world?

- Spend time outside. Explore nature. Learn about God's world.
- Let's share the hiking trails, parks, and beaches with other people. Love your neighbor by being kind to the people working and having fun in the same places.
- Last of all, leave no trace that you were there. Take all your trash with you. Even better, bring extra bags along and help clean up.

Let's leave God's beautiful world better than we found it.

Prayer

Creator God, we can imagine some of the most beautiful places on this earth. It's even better when we get to explore the forest, beaches, and parks near us. Thank you for these amazing spaces. Help us take care of what you made: the water, the trees, the land, and the air. Show us how to make good choices and care for the earth every day. Amen.

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