Common Prayer for the Fifth Anniversary of *Laudato Si’*

*Loving God,*  
*Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,*  
*You created us in your image and made us stewards of all*  
*your creation, of our common home.*  
*You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land*  
*so that all might be nourished.*  

*Open our minds and touch our hearts,*  
*so that we may attend to your gift of creation.*  
*Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,*  
*but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.*  
*May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.*  

*Be present to those in need in these trying times,*  
*especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.*  
*Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope*  
*so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.*  

*Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic,*  
*Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good,*  
*Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected,*  
*in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*  

*We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.*  
*Amen.*