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We are created to read the book of creation so that we may know the Author of Life.

— **Ilia Delio**, *Franciscan Sister, theologian and author, Founder and Director of the [Center for Christogenesis](#)*

St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

— *LAUDATO SI'*, **Pope Francis'** 2015 Letter, On Care for our Common Home

What are some things in creation that fill you with gratitude?

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