



## Stations of Creation for Years 7 and 8

To celebrate the Season of Creation and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si I have made some reflections for schools. This reflection is based on the 'Stations of Creation'. I have used the 10 stations and adapted them for Years 7 and 8. They incorporate the prayer of Saint Francis, a psalm or bible verse, a reflection, a prayer and a hymn. The students can write their own prayers instead of using the ones I have suggested. I thought this format would be easier to use in the class bubbles.

The reflections will complement Laudato Si and Catholic Social Teaching care for creation theme.

The introduction for the students reminds them of the prayer Saint Francis wrote, 'Canticle of the Creatures' praising God for his creation. It then reminds them the importance of Laudato Si and how Pope Francis encourages us to care for the world.

The Collective Worship is then divided into ten stations:

The first station, the God of blessing

The second station, brother sun

The third station, sisters moon and stars

The fourth station, brothers wind and air

The fifth station, sister water

The sixth station, brother fire

The seventh station, sister earth our mother

The eighth station, peace

The ninth station, sister death

The tenth station, serve him with humility

Each station follows the same format. It begins with the words of Saint Francis that the students can all say together if you wish. There is either a reading from the Bible or a Psalm that one student can read. Then there are Pope Francis' words from Laudato Si which can be read by the teacher. There is a reflection which asks the students to think about what the station means to them. There is a prayer for the students to read together. Each station finishes with words from a hymn which will be said due to the current restrictions or you can listen to the music reflecting on the words. I would only do one station a day and they can be adapted and used in any way you wish.

