



Stations of Creation for Years 5 and 6

To celebrate the Season of Creation and the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si* I have made some reflections for schools. This reflection is based on the 'Stations of Creation'. For Years 5 and 6 I have used the 10 stations. They incorporate the prayer of Saint Francis, a psalm or bible verse, a hymn to say and some Catholic Social Teaching. The children can write their own prayers if they wish. I thought this format would be easier to use in the class bubbles.

The reflections will complement the *God Matter's* Creation Unit and Catholic Social Teaching care for creation theme.

The introduction for the children tells them about the prayer Saint Francis wrote, 'Canticle of the Creatures' praising God for his creation. It then tells them about *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 children can all say together if you wish. Then there are Pope Francis' words from *Laudato Si* which can be read by the teacher. There is either a reading from the Bible or a Psalm that one child can read. There is a reflection which asks the children to reflect on the station. There is a prayer for the children to read. Each station finishes with words from a hymn which will be said due to the current restrictions. I would only do one station a day.

