**Integral Ecology Video Prayer**

**Leader**: Laudato Si’ itself, and the concept of Integral Ecology, are a deepening and a natural fit within the Congregation of St. Joseph’s Mission and Charism that we all share. Our mission of drawing all into one, and the belief that everything is connected through relationship, are intimately connected to the Core Values of our Mission Network. The concepts and language you will hear in this next brief video will sound very familiar to you. Laudato Si’ contains a core teaching that showcases the interrelatedness of everything. This teaching of Integral Ecology, and it is the centerpiece for the Laudato Si’ Action Plan, which we will be talking about later today. Again, we invite you to notice what sounds and feels familiar and what may be newer about Integral Ecology

Show animated Integral Ecology Video (5:30)

<https://eco-catholic.com/what-is-integral-ecology/>

**Reflection/Discussion Questions:**

*What did I hear that was new to me?*

*What challenges me about what I heard?*

*To what might I be called?*

**Closing Prayer:**

Loving God,

Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all contained within it.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,

so that we can recognize our place as part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,

especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity

as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes

required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding

to the cry of Earth and the cry of every oppressed neighbor in need.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs

of a more relational and sustainable world.