



Sister Dorothy Stang

HER LEGACY ENDURES IN US • 2005–2020

15th Anniversary Closing Prayer Service Worship Aid

Recorded Greeting from Archbishop Schnurr

Hymn: Dorothy You Will Live Forever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJAxLYCcA2k>

Welcome:

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 28:1-6

Now, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD, your God, carefully observing all his commandments which I give you today, the LORD, your God, will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you when you obey the voice of the LORD, your God:

May you be blessed in the city, and blessed in the country!

Blessed be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil and the offspring of your livestock, the issue of your herds and the young of your flocks!

Blessed be your grain basket and your kneading bowl!

May you be blessed in your coming in, and blessed in your going out!

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: REMEMBERING the words of SISTER DOROTHY STANG:

As we pause to remember Dorothy, we listen to Dorothy's own words from letters she wrote over the years. These quotes are chosen and read by Dorothy's friends, Sr. Joan Krimm and Sr. JoAnn Depweg.



We, as Sisters of Notre Dame, dedicate ourselves to the poor in the most abandoned places. Living, eating, drinking, sharing daily with our people at our mission, constantly challenges us to do all we can to help bring about change.



Together we can make a difference bringing peace, joy, caring, love to our world that is losing sight of our guiding star – the goodness of the real God.



Did we make our lives so comfortable and withdrawn from reality that we cannot see the social sins that our silence is supporting?



We must help the people recapture a relationship with Mother Earth that is tender and kind.



Inspire us to end the suffering of those made poor.
We pray Lord hear our prayer

Soften our hearts. Teach us to take personal steps to change the ways we affect your creation.
We pray Lord hear our prayer

Empower us to use our technological inventiveness to heal creation and to sustain nature.
We pray Lord hear our prayer

Creator God, grant us the wisdom to see the potential of our planet. Give us the desire for healing and wholeness. Inspire us to stand with your people who suffer. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Pledge of Commitment

Invite your family members to join you and take the pledge with you. We ask you now to light your candle. Take a moment to focus on the flame. Take three deep breaths.

To Protect and Heal God's Creation (This Pledge of Commitment – read in unison)

As we did last year, we invite everyone present to take a pledge to renew our commitment to God, to the earth, and to each other. As we read each statement, we will pause between each one. Although you will be muted, we will all be making this pledge together.

We renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We commit ourselves to protect God's creation.

We commit ourselves to heal injustice and poverty.

We commit ourselves to stand together against all threats to life.

We commit ourselves to discovering new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We commit ourselves to listening to the "music of the universe" - water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We commit ourselves to remembering always that God speaks to us through the beauty of creation and to reverence all that God has created.



Final Blessing:

Dismissal:

Closing Song: Dorothy Stang, You will live Forever

About Sister Dorothy Stang Martyr for Justice

Sister Dorothy Stang served as a missionary in Brazil with the families of landless peasants for 40 years. Because of her work for justice and preservation of the Amazon Forest, she was martyred for her faith on February 12, 2005, in Anapu, Para, a section of the Amazon.

Happy is she who trusts in the Lord!
She is like a tree planted by the river:
her leaves are ever green;
she gives her fruit at the right time.

Psalm 1



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