

# Response to the Cry of the Poor



## Goals:

- Educate and advocate making the connections with human life and life of Earth.
- Point to the root causes of climate change as a multiplier effect on other social concerns like immigration, human trafficking, health, racial and economic injustices.
- Show films/documentaries of the losses of island nations and cities.
- Back policies of growers of food from Central American countries.
- Bring these brothers and sisters with us into meetings as we make decisions.
- Work to support impoverished farmworkers Policies and planning for climate refugees and immigrants.

## Actions:

- Educate staff and employees about climate justice wherever you work.
- Share Films and Host Speakers on these topics.
- Teach Gardening skills.
- Educate about food sovereignty, justice food systems and assist with food needs.
- Assist with refugee resettlement.
- Advocate to the UN and US government for climate refugee status.

## Resources:

**Rainforests and the people who live there** must be protected. Local communities must be engaged directly with solidarity from around the world. Here are a few groups with information and action.  
[Amazon Watch](#) Amazon Watch fights the destruction of the Amazon, supports Indigenous rights, and finds climate justice solutions.

[Amazon Conservation Team](#)

Amazon Conservation Team works hand-in-hand with Indigenous leaders to ensure the long-term welfare of the Amazon Rainforest.

[Survival International](#) There is no protecting the Amazon without [Indigenous communities leading the way](#). Survival International recognizes this imperative and works to amplify the voices of Indigenous leaders.

[Rainforest Action Network](#) The Rainforest Action Network “preserves forests, protects the climate, and upholds human rights by challenging corporate power and systemic injustice through frontline partnerships and strategic campaigns.”

<https://www.jpdc-jp.org/en/a/the-cry-of-the-poor-laudato-si-2nd-goal>

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Prayer:

### **The Beatitudes of the Kingdom**

- 1) Blessed are you who possess great bravery of hope. *One day you will know the meaning of the words: 'our bonds were broken and we were set free.'* (cf Ps 124)
- 2) Blessed are you who find words and gestures of encouragement, consolation and active non-violence in moments of need and persecution. *In you God will rise up in Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iran, North Korea, Israel/Palestine, Hong Kong, Odessa, Texas, and anywhere on earth.*
- 3) Blessed are you when you know how to hear the voice of the people and to understand rightly their silence. *You shall be advocates of the poor brothers and sisters in the human family.*
- 4) Blessed are you who seek to prevent pollution, water contamination and depletion of soil and prefer to be partners with the Creator, planting trees to purify the air and beautifying our gardens and landscapes. *In you the Reign of God slowly appears.*
- 5) Blessed are you who can bond with all ethnic communities no matter the native language, gender, customs or religious traditions. *You will be a symbol of God's inclusivity and mutuality.*
- 6) Blessed are you who speak for the voiceless, the incarcerated, the refugees, the homeless, and persons living with disabilities. *You shall know the feeling of being wrapped in the arms of God.*
- 7) Blessed are you who move off barren land to avoid starvation and for those who cross borders in search for a better life. *You shall find companions on the journey and loved ones at the arrival site.*
- 8) Blessed are you who stand with and mentor families struggling in broken relationships, leaving them unstable with poor self-worth and children with behavioral issues. *You shall experience an outstretched hand and a heart warmed by God's love.*

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