

“The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us.”  
*Laudato Si’* (13)

In the book of Genesis, after the flood, God establishes a covenant with Noah and every living creature. “I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and Earth. When I bring clouds over Earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living things, so that the water shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.” Genesis 9:13-16

Over the years, humans tended to overuse and abuse the abundance of the resources that Earth has provided for our survival with no relational consideration of our interrelatedness. Our human behaviors caused polluted waters and air. We destroyed habitats, devastated rain forests, and have blown off mountain tops in the name of progress. Earth “now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her.” *Laudato Si’* (2)

When God set the bow in the sky it was a reminder to God that God made a covenant with all that God created. Maybe we too should look at the rainbow as a reminder of this covenant and our relationship with Earth, our being one with Earth and ask forgiveness for the harm we have done.

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Prayer:  
“I seek through my prayer  
And actions to reconcile myself  
With God, Creation and Humanity.”  
*Laudato Si’* (15)