

Laudato Si' - Safe Water for All

Safe, usable water is a crucial part of life, but only some have direct access to it. Many people worldwide, even in rich countries like the USA, work hard to have safe water. Numerous citizens in poor places such as Keystone, West Virginia, and Navajo Nations are forced to get water from other sources because they don't have sinks that pour safe water out. If I lived somewhere with no clean water in my home, I would be disappointed and upset to have to find water for my family instead of spending my time on other work. After going through our daily schedule, my family would still have to worry about our water supply despite being tired. My family would get water from outside sources like rivers and boil them to clean them, doing much more work to get a simple resource everyone should have. I would feel tired, neglected, and upset from all the work I have to do to gain safe water that others get immediately. Most officials won't do anything about the lack of water in specific areas, and that would make me feel doubtful and hopeless about ever getting safe water from a faucet. Despite safe water being a necessity, countless people have no safe running water in their homes.

Ladauto Si' teaches us that environmental problems such as lack of usable water affect the Earth and its inhabitants. As good people following our faith, we should help people affected by water shortages. Laudato Si' says that people are destroying the Earth by taking more than we need. Water shortages affect us all, but the poorest are neglected and given less water than others.

The book tells us that we should help these people with their water situation as good Christians and fellow neighbors. In Catholicism, we are told to serve others and value them morally by showing human dignity. We should act upon our words and help people with fewer resources and water than us. The book *Laudato Si'* teaches us that we should make the Earth a better place by showing empathy and helping everyone gain the resources they have the right to have.