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A quote from Pope Francis:

"With this message, I renew my dialogue with 'every person living on this planet' about the sufferings of the poor and the devastation of the environment. God gave us a bountiful garden, but we have turned it into a polluted wasteland of 'debris, desolation and filth.' We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behaviour. 'Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.' "

-- First message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1, 2016

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