And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures..."

Genesis 1:20

What is 30x30?
A national goal to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands, freshwater & U.S. ocean areas by 2030, commonly referred to as 30x30.

How does 30x30 play into ocean conservation?
Fully and highly protected marine protected areas are the most effective tool we have for preserving God’s marine creation. They provide areas where ocean life can recover without stress from extractive practices like commercial fishing and oil/gas drilling.

A new study of U.S. marine protected areas found there are significant gaps in where and how our country’s ocean is protected, with 98% of waters around the continental U.S. lacking any type of marine protected area. We can do better: we need to improve the quality, quantity, and representativeness of U.S. ocean protections.

Protecting at least 30 percent of America’s ocean with highly and fully protected marine protected areas and ensuring strong protections exist in all U.S. ocean regions will help restore the health of our ocean life and will enable us to rightly care for the earth and all of God’s creation.

See instructions on the back of this insert for using the QR code.
Advocate
Hold your phone camera over the QR code on the front of this insert and follow the link that pops up. Click the option “Take Action” to ask your members of Congress and the Biden Administration to increase NOAA’s funding, strengthening their ability to protect God’s marine creation.

Engage
Ways to engage others in ocean conservation and advocacy

🌟 Send our QR code to a friend for them to email Congress and the Administration

🌟 Share the spiritual practice

🌟 Do a beach or riverside clean up with other community members

🌟 Plant some trees in erosion risk places near you

Commune with Nature

Spiritual Practice, Lectio Divina of The Book of Nature. Begin by wandering slowly near a body of water. Adapting the ancient practice of Lectio Divina where a sacred text is read slowly until a word or phrase resonates.

🌟 Be curious about it.

🌟 Use all your senses to explore it. What does it look like? What colors and patterns do you observe? What does it sound like? How does it smell? What is its texture?

Ask: What can this body of water teach me in this moment? What is being revealed to me through this element? What insights are accessible in this intentional interaction? How am I being called to honor and preserve this element and its ecosystem?

🌟 Don’t force or overthink this practice. Let learning happen as it will.

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