

## **WILL WE LEAVE GREEN EARTH TO FUTURE GENERATIONS?**

Today we lament the fires that burn something more than the land.

They also burn a part of our lives.

Every summer we face them again. And what do we do the rest of the year? Often, very little. Once we have overcome the crisis of the fires, we stop thinking about it and fail to carry out the necessary maintenance because, among other things, we know that it requires a large financial investment.

Moreover, the news stop reporting on them and, therefore, they “cease to exist.” We end up completely normalizing it, as if it were just another event characteristic of this season.

Forest caretakers have much to say, not only because they hold the power to decide what measures can be taken, but also because they have been chosen precisely for that task.

And meanwhile, that same year, a new generation will come into being on our planet. And us? What can we do? Surely more than we think!

We need a change of mindset; we need to love the Earth! Perhaps she is sick... and is only asking us to listen to her and care for her, as we would for a loved one. Or as the farmer or shepherd does, living close to her and knowing her cycles, aware that their very life depends on it; that is why they take care of her with affection and effort.

We must approach the land from a different perspective, because we have grown too distant from it. We must not only think of what it can give us, but also of the respect and love it deserves... if we truly want to reconnect with it. And we must do so without putting at risk who we are or what we have. There are already enough forces

working against it, and the consequences are always devastating.

Speaking from a general, theoretical point of view, it seems that nowadays people go into the forest seeking what they can take from it, how they can enjoy nature—but rarely with the intention of seeing what they can give back, and with an attitude of gratitude.

That is what true love is: not only seeing the benefit we can obtain, but also what we can do to offer something of what we carry within.

Because... what can we give to the Earth wherever we go if our mindset is only to impose rules, prohibitions, and sanctions for everything? And on top of that, we evade them when no one is watching...? And how amused we are when we get away with it...!

We have inherited the Earth and, at the very least, we should strive to pass it on in a better state to those who come after us.

It is a generational handover, our responsibility, and we must assume it with full awareness of what is at stake, knowing that a profound change in the way we interact with the environment is needed, and acting with honesty.

A forest burns in four days, but it may take forty years to return to what it once was. And we cannot afford that!

We need change, and we join the call: renewed attitudes, preventive measures, awareness campaigns, and real budgets for helping to clean the forests.

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**Join the call to protect our forests:**

If you would like to support this petition, add your name as a sign of commitment and share this message with your community. Every voice matters to spread the urgent need to protect our forests and ensure a more sustainable future for all. Let's stand together to preserve our environment and pass on to future generations the value of land cared for with responsibility and love.

Nature is speaking to us. Let's listen! Let's act!

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