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He fell to the ground and prayed.

(Mark 14:35)

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Pick it up!

Dear friends of the word,

there was just enough time left to take the two young people for a little trip before dropping them at the airport. I drove to a little hill from which we enjoyed beautiful views. On our walk back we saw some empty bottles in the field. Without hesitation the young woman picked up the bottles and carried them for over a kilometer back to the car park, in order to recycle them. This unobtrusive gesture touched me. Since then I have often collected rubbish myself and deposited it in a bin. Every time I thought of Maruška who'd helped me to understand a word of Pope Francis in more depth. He wrote: "By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously."

Jesus himself had kneeled on and lived of the earth. He let his tears fall onto the earth after the death of his friend Lazarus. Shortly before his death, he threw himself to the ground and wrestled with the will of the Father. For 3 days he rested in in this earth. This earth is holy!

How many tears, cried by desperate people, have been absorbed by earth. How many tears have been shed by earth herself - polluted, contaminated, exploited! Let us learn to understand her calling. Let us -as creatures- discover and treat her as creation. If you care for earth with affection, you will find peace with earth and yourself. Let's begin with small gestures. Let us stand with Maruška against the waste that's polluting our earth. **Pick it up!**

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