



INVITATION

LET US DREAM: The Path to a Better Future

This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities — what we value, what we want, what we seek — and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. What I hear at this moment is similar to what Isaiah hears God saying through him: Come let us talk this over, Let us dare to dream.

That fills me with hope that we might come out of this crisis better. But we have to see clearly, choose well, and act right. ..You have to choose — and in making your choice you reveal your own heart: how solid it is, how merciful, how big or small.

Pope Francis

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LISTENING...

Genesis 28

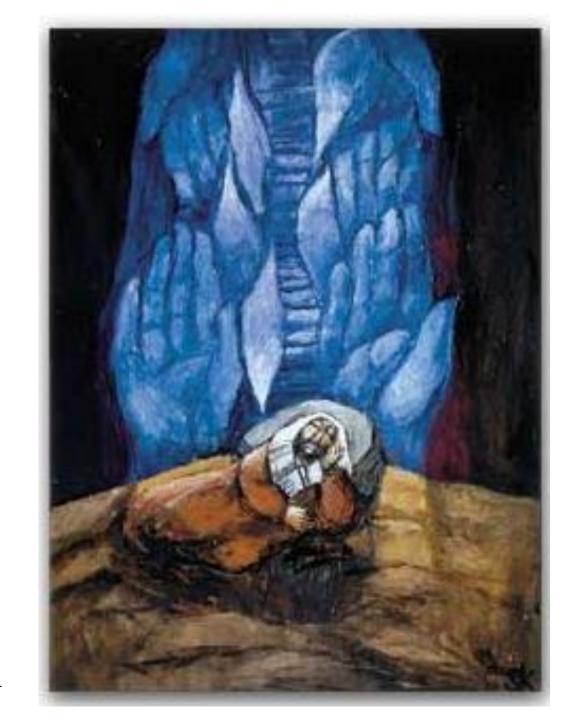
A dream — a stairway between heaven and earth

And there was the Lord standing beside him saying: "...Know that I am with you; I will protect you wherever you go and bring you back to this land. I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you..."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep he exclaimed: "Truly, the Lord is in this place, although I did not know it."

PONDERING...

What dreams have you brought with you to this Assembly?



REFLECTING

Blest are they who know their need of God, those whose eyes can see beyond horizons.

Blest are they who mourn at what they see, yet who strive in hope for all that can be.



BLESSING THE WAY

With every step you take, this blessing rises up to meet you. It has been waiting long ages for you.

Look close and you can see the layers of it, how it has been fashioned by those who walked this road before you,

how it has been created of nothing but their determination and their dreaming,

how it has taken its form from an ancient hope that drew them forward and made a way for them when no way could be seen. Look closer and you will see this blessing is not finished,

that you are part of the path it is preparing,

that you are how this blessing means to be a voice within the wilderness

and a welcome for the way.

Jan Richardson



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Historic stained-glass window, Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney NSW