At this the beginning of the twenty-first century and the third millennium, at a time when our planet, and consequently the survival of humanity, is seriously threatened:

Let us remember

– that this Earth on which we live has existed for more than four billion years, and that humanity as we know it appeared here about three million years ago, and has put it in danger within less than a century.
– that two-thirds of our planet is covered by seas and oceans, that our own bodies are made up of 75 percent water, and that we could not survive without it.
– that forests are Earth’s lungs, that they produce the oxygen we breathe, and that without them there would be no atmosphere, and therefore no life.
– that animals lived on our planet millions of years before humankind appeared, that the survival of humanity depends on them, and that they are intelligent and sensitive beings.
– that all of nature’s kingdoms are mutually dependent and that there is neither space nor frontier between them, and that each of them, on different levels and in different forms, is endowed with consciousness.
– that Earth is surrounded by an electromagnetic aura resulting from its own natural energies, and that this aura, combined with the atmosphere, contributes to life.
– that the existence of our planet is not a matter of chance or a mere accident of time and place, but that it forms part of a Plan devised and put in place by that Universal Intelligence we call “God” or “the Divine.”
– that Earth is not simply a planet that allows humans to exist, but that it is also the environment in which our souls may incarnate in order to carry our spiritual evolution through to its successful conclusion.
– that our planet is a masterpiece of Creation, that although it is not unique in the universe it is nonetheless a rare thing, and that it is a great privilege for humanity to be able to live here.
– that Earth does not belong to us, that it is here for us to live on during our lifetime, and that it represents the most precious of heritages for us to pass on to future generations.
– that we do not have any rights over our planet, simply the obligation to respect, preserve, and protect it. In a word, to love it.

Let us remember this, remind our children of it, and let the following be our formula:

*Terra humanitasque una sunt.*

Earth and humanity are as one.