

They kept saying how beautiful and awe-inspiring it looked as they watched it from the cupola of Dragon. There it was, planet Earth, pure and as it was intended.

A few weeks ago, the crew of SpaceX's Inspiration4 had a unique and once in a lifetime opportunity to go into space. During their three-day mission circling the Earth, they got to open the giant dome window of the spacecraft and experience a view like no other: a beautiful, and clean, and peaceful planet. Wow, if only.

Sadly, we know the view and feel from within Earth's sphere is quite different. From up there you can't see the craziness down here; the hate, the politics, the injustices. We inhabitants are making it very difficult for ourselves and each other to take advantage of all the beauty, goodness and richness that this planet has to offer.

I am thankful God created this amazing place for us. I hope we turn things around soon. Enough that our view and feel from here starts to resemble that from out there. And I pray God guides us and helps us to restore it to its intended state.

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

P.S.: The Inspiration4 mission raised funds and awareness for childhood cancer research by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Great idea. I think every space mission going forward should not only have a interplanetary focus, but an earthly focus. Something that benefits us here and now. What do you think?

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
-Genesis 1:1

"A blade of grass is a commonplace on Earth; it would be a miracle on Mars. Our descendants on Mars will know the value of a patch of green. And if a blade of grass is priceless, what is

the value of a human being?”
-Carl Sagan

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