

Artemis II Earth-struck

Houston: As the Artemis II astronauts fly farther from Earth, they're taking the opportunity to look back home.

On Friday morning, Nasa shared a partial view of our bright blue planet as captured by Reid Wiseman, the mission's commander. Earth, swathed in swirling clouds, is shown rising through a window on the Orion capsule in which the crew is to journey around the moon.

Another picture posted by the space agency shows Earth in full, with green streaks of aurora painting parts of its atmosphere.

"You look amazing, you look beautiful," Victor Glover,



The Earth as captured by Artemis II astronauts.
(@NASAEarth/X via PTI)

the pilot of Artemis II, said in a video call with ABC News on Thursday night.

Glover, the first Black astronaut to travel to deep space, emphasised the unifying



The crew on a video call from the moon's orbit on Thursday. (AP/PTI)

power of seeing Earth from such a distance. "No matter where you are from or what you look like, we're all one people," he said.

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