

SEASON OF CREATION:

*Dear reader. We hope to inspire you with our resources of prayers and reflections for the **Season of Creation**.*

It begins on 1st September on the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” and continues until 4th October, which is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Ecology.

On this webpage you can find in our “**RESOURCES**” prayers and reflections relevant for the Season of Creation. Please go to the “button” “**PRAYERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**”

The Season of Creation is a **monthlong prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation**. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — not just "distant" nature, but, crucially, the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures. The ecumenical steering committee that plans and promotes the season each year put it this way:

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The info in this paragraph is from the EarthBeat Website where you can find more information:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/what-season-creation>

Pope Francis called Catholics worldwide to celebrate the ecumenical Season of Creation. His letter to the faithful from 2019 is available at the link. Click here to view:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html

The theme for this year's (2022) Season of Creation is “Listen to the Voice of Creation”. The symbol is “The Burning Bush”:



The Burning Bush
— Ex 3:1-12 —

**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
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The burning bush: Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

An inspiring yet serious **Letter from Pope Francis about the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (and the Season of Creation) was issued on the 16th July 2022** can be found here: <https://laudatosimovement.org/>

Each year new resources will be available at the Season of Creation website:
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

The Justice & Peace Commission's facebook page will be updated regularly during the Season of Creation: <https://www.facebook.com/JusticeAndPeaceCDA>