

SEASON OF CREATION: September 1ST – October 4th 2024

Each year the Christian Churches come together to celebrate the season of creation that begins on September 1st (Creation Day) and ends on October 4th the Feast of St Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Pope Francis launched his encyclical Laudato Si in 2015 that received wonderful acclaim from all faiths as well as the world's leaders and media. He warned that creation is groaning due to climate change caused by human greed and abuse of the earth's resources. The poor are suffering most of all as a result of environmental destruction and he reminds us that the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor are one and the same. Action on behalf of creation is our Christian duty

This year's theme is, To Hope and Act with Creation. The ecumenical leaders just issued a joint statement that reads:

“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.”

Resources can be found at the following link:

https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/?utm_source=EN&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2024&utm_term=2024-08-26

You can also access a booklet of resources and prayers at :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCil3Mxen3JQZ5Rrazz3/view>

This is a beautiful prayer that we should all try and recite each day:

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord.

Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUJdPvXtMzw6HYj7clrKPhXBDh3twfoz/view> Prayer Card

We hope to have a Mass of Celebration in our Parish during this month so that we all learn to love and respect our common home that God has given us.