

The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.

The theme for the Season of Creation in 2025 is

## "Peace with Creation"

#### **Overview of Resources:**

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#### **Season of Creation Websites**

A wider variety of resources can be found on these key websites:

Season of Creation Website

National Council of Churches in Australia Website

Catholic Earthcare - Caritas









# Season of Creation App – Created by Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN)

QCEN has a devotional app for Season of Creation. It is a 34 day reflection series that brings together scripture, reflections, prayers and poems from many Christian traditions. Look for 'Season of Creation' in your app store and download.

PDF copy of the document can be downloaded here.

A limited number of books have been printed and are available for \$10 each plus postage. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@qct.org.au">admin@qct.org.au</a> to order your copy.

See <u>link</u> to access the flyer describing the App.



## POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION 2025

His message for 2025 is available <u>here.</u>

One way you can help your community engage in the Pope's message is to share a short quote from this message on each of the five Sundays during the Season of Creation.

## Social Medica Tile for World Day of Prayer

An infograph on the World Day of Prayer from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development can be accessed here.

#### Social Media Tiles about Season of Creation and Archdiocesan Events

Facebook tiles <u>link</u>.

Instagram tiles link

## Parish Weekly Laudato Si' Reflections

Another way to focus the parish on weekly reflections is to share the Laudato Si' Reflection Sheets, either on the notice board, as flyers or on social media. They can be used individually or in groups for discussion. There is a new sheet for each week that can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>. An example is below. **These reflection sheets are the foundation for the weekly Tuesday 10am Zoom Reflection Gatherings**.



## **Liturgy Notes**

The Vatican released a new Mass for the Care of Creation. This can be accessed here.

Caritas has created a beautiful liturgical guide that contain readings, liturgy suggestions, prayers of intercession, suggested videos for after communion or before or after mass, as well as music suggestions. These can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Movie Suggestions**

**The Letter:** A message for our Earth —Season of Creation is a wonderful time to host a parish viewing of *The Letter*; a film which with discusses the encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. Access to the film can be accessed here.

#### **Music Suggestions**

Music with video for showing at Mass – A Prayer for the Earth by Steve Klaper. This can be accessed here.

A collection of creation themed songs can be found on Page 22 of the Caritas Liturgical Guide.

#### **An Ecological Examen**

This Ecological Examen is a tool to help you to deepen your commitment to care for creation and the most vulnerable people on the planet: This can be accessed <u>here</u>.

### Laudato Si' Chaplet

Using the very same words of St Francis of Assisi, the Laudato Si Chaplet is a simple prayer technique to pray with creation inspired by the saint's Canticle of the Creatures, the hymn that inspired the title of the Laudato Si' encyclical. The Chaplet helps us develop an 'ecological spirituality" (LS 216) and deepen our "ecological conversion" (LS 217-221) by:

- Developing spiritual attitudes of praise towards God the Creator, and of universal fraternity with all of Creation,
- Enhancing our capacity to contemplate the beauty of Creation with awe and wonder
- Deepening interior peace and our relationship with God the Creator.

Ultimately, this "ecological spirituality [...] can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world" (LS 216).

Access to the Chaplet can be found <u>here</u>.

#### For Families and Educators

God's Creation Waits is a 42 page booklet of activities and reflections
For children in Grades 2-5
Made by Anne E. Neuberger who has other resources at this site.
Useful for parents, grandparents, teachers, children's liturgy and youth groups

Explanation of Laudato Si' for children video.

## **Community Action**

#### **Banners**

Again, we are encouraging all parishes, schools and communities to demonstrate our commitment to caring for creation in the Season of Creation by displaying banners. This not only generates valuable conversations in our communities but clearly promotes to the wider community our Laudato Si' values.

In the Cathedral, we are using the same design as last year (to avoid a throw away culture). We encourage communities that already have a banner to display it from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 4<sup>th</sup> October and if you would like to order a banner contact Emma Beach (beache@bne.catholic.net.au) before the 22<sup>nd</sup> August.





If you need further information on the Season of Creation, please contact Emma Beach at beache@bne.catholic.net.au.