

About Season of Creation – 3/4 Sept 2022

WELCOME to our celebration today

“Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home.

If we learn how to listen, we can hear **in** the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home.

Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plea with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet’s ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples.

During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God’s creation.

2022 Season of creation resources

<https://laudatosimovement.org/resources/> scroll down this site for many resources

<https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SOC-2022-Celebration-Guide-Final-English.pdf> This is the 42 page resource

<https://www.exaudi.org/global-catholic-church-preparing-for-season-of-creation/>

****Below are five **prayers of intercession**. For your weekly whole school prayer gatherings, you may wish to add one each week to your prayers of the faithful during the Season of Creation.*

3/4 September:

For our world: we pray that all people will listen and respond to the cry of the earth by respecting creation and caring for it as a gift of God.
Lord hear us.

10/11 September:

With a shared sense of responsibility to care for our world, we pray that the goals of energy transition, reduced global warming, and protection of all life are attained.
Lord hear us.

17/18 September

For all the waters of the world: the oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, and the life that lives in the waters: we pray that we will protect and preserve these great resources now and into the future.
Lord hear us.

24/25 September

For our world and all its endangered species: we pray that we may learn to listen to the cry of creation and respect and protect all of God’s creatures.
Lord hear us.

1/2 October

That all people may be inspired by the example of Saint Francis to make wise lifestyle choices that are selfless and sustainable, promote the care and safeguarding of ecosystems, guarantee access to all basic resources, and encourage practices that respect the fundamental rights of the human person and of every creature.
Lord hear us.