

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

This year's Season of Creation (September 1- October 4) theme is "Peace with Creation" inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy
of wild asses, a pasture for flocks. Until a spirit from on high is
poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness
abide in the fruitful field.

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of
righteousness, quietness, and trust forever.

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure
dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Isaiah 32:14-18 - NRVUE

In this passage, the prophet Isaiah "portrays a desolate Creation, devoid of peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. Devastated cities and wastelands reflect the destructive impact that human activities can have on Earth ([Season of Creation Celebration Guide](#)) What the prophet said thousands of years ago, is the reality for many people today. War, pollution, deforestation, some mining practices, our excessive consumption and 'throwaway culture' have exacerbated the situation.

Pope Leo, in his Message for the 10th World Day for the Care of Creation, Seeds of Peace and Hope, reflecting on this devastation says: “On all sides, injustice, violations and international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning, deforestation, pollution and loss of biodiversity”.

But then he invites us to respond in faith: “In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity”.

God’s plan, rooted in justice, peace, and right relationships, and working with the help of the Holy Spirit, “the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest” (Is. 32:15).

**In Christ we too are seeds, and indeed,
“seeds of peace and hope”.**

Pope Leo, Seeds of Peace and Hope

LET US PLANT ‘SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE’

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience (Pope Leo, Seeds of Peace and Hope, quoting *Laudato Si*, 217).

In this Jubilee Year of hope, let us join other Christians and people of good will and commit ourselves to planting ‘seeds of hope’ – seeds of love, justice, peace, pardon, joy – so that all people “will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Is. 32:18).



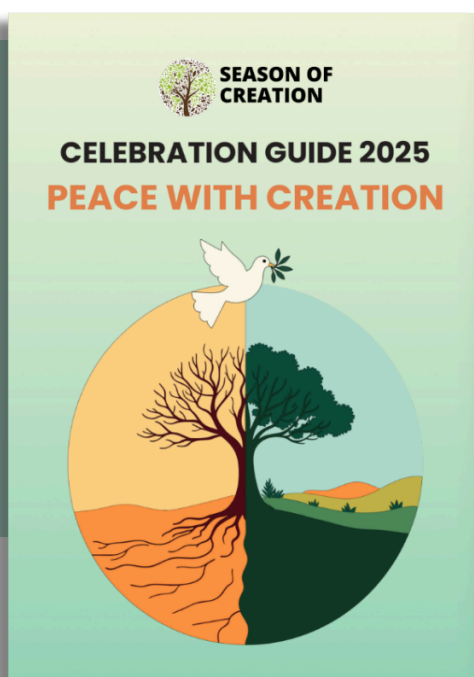
SEASON OF CREATION AND THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

1 September: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	In 2015 Pope Francis declared 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development asks us to: 1. Gather in our parishes for prayer; and, 2. Take practical actions to combat earth's environmental crisis. (cf. Ordo, p. 336)	
7 September: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 9.13-18 Psalm 90 Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 Luke 14.25-33	The readings invite us to discern God's will in all things and to examine our relationships to each other, as disciples of Jesus. We are invited to note how God has been our dwelling place in all generations.
14 September: 24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 Psalm 51 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-32	Christ Jesus came into the world to save us and there will be much joy in heaven over one repentant sinner. Let work towards healing our relationships with God by loving others caring for all of creation.
21 September: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8.4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13	Who do we serve, God or wealth? What are our attitudes towards those who are poor? Do we treat others as our sister/bother or as a commodity? No one can be saved alone; one cannot buy one's salvation.
28 September: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 6.1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6: 6, 11-19 Luke 16: 19-31	Keeping the commandments calls us to consider the needs of others and the common good. By serving those in need, we encounter Christ, we serve Christ and together we journey with Christ.
28 September: World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pope's Message	There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever ... Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters' points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded (LS, 25).	
28 September: Truth & Reconciliation Collection	As part of our commitment to work for right relationships and reconciliation, all parishes in the Diocese of London will hold a collection to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities <u>announced</u> by the Bishops of Canada on 27 September 2021. For more information click here .	
30 September: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Walking together was the theme of Pope Francis' visit to Canada (2022). This pilgrimage of penance reminded us of the need for ongoing healing and reconciliation. This is particularly important to Catholics in Canada given the Church's involvement in operating nearly half of the country's residential schools. It is also important to recognize the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day.	
4 October: Feast: St. Francis of Assisi	In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change (Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #218).	

ACTION PLAN

Let us live simply so that others may simply live; let be instruments of peace and hope. Here are a few examples of small steps, that done with great love, can make a big impact:

- Local clean-ups
- Tree planting for reforestation and biodiversity
- Continue or begin Recycling initiatives at home, in the parish, at school and at work
- Plan to dedicate part of your home garden and/or a parish garden for sustainable food practices (Prepare the land this fall, plant the garden next spring)
- Bible studies on Creation care passages
- Join Development and Peace – Caritas Canada and the global campaign led by Caritas Internationalis, to Turn Debt into Hope, so that our sisters and brothers in the Global South can live in dignity, free from the burden of unjust debt, a debt they will never be able to repay. For more information about the Development and Peace campaign to TURN DEBT INTO HOPE [click here](#).
- Work as if care for the earth and for the poor depends on you; Pray as if this it all depends on God.



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Many of the ideas below are either directly from the [Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2025](#) or inspired by it.

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