

Season of Création 2020 prayer



Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing.

And throughout time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath, blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production.

But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world.

The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given.

Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ *Amen !*



**A time of jubilee for the earth
A turning point for humanity**

Central message of the Encyclical

Pope Francis through the Encyclical Laudato Si proposed the way of the Church and called for everyone's commitment to safeguard the Common House.

He challenges us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" by :

- ecological conversion,*
- changes in lifestyle and society,*
- strong political actions.*

*On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of its publication a special year Laudato Si was launched, with the theme **Jubilee for the Earth.***

We are invited to reflect on the intimate connection between the rest of the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political lifestyles.

This year, the scale of Covid-19 has revealed the need to adopt fair and sustainable systems. We yearn for the moral imagination that accompanies the Jubilee.

Calendar of the safeguarding of the creation

Dates	Days of celebration
Feb02	World wetland day
March 03	World Wildlife Day
March 21	World Forest Day
March 22	World Water Day
April 7	World Health Day
April 22	World Mother Earth Day
Mayv22	International Day for Biological Diversity
May 24	Anniversary of the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si
May 31	World No Tobacco Day
June 05	World Environment Day
June 08	World Oceans Day
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
August 09	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
Sept 01 at oct 04	Time of Creation
Sept 16	International Day for the Protection of the Ozone Layer
Oct 16	World Food Day
Oct 17	World Day for Overcoming Poverty
Nov 06	International Day for the Preservation of the Environment in Time of War
Nov 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development
Dec 10	Human Rights Day



Pope Francis plants tree in Vatican with natives of Amazonia

«We hope that this year and the decade to come can truly be a time of grace, an experience of true Kairos and a time of 'Jubilee' for the Earth, for humanity and for all of God's creatures»

Introductory message from the Dicastery for Integral Human Development Service

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To celebrate and protect creation

Let's live Laudato Si as a team



«We can collaborate as instruments of God for the safeguard of creation, each according to his culture, his experience, his initiatives and his capacities» (LS 14).