



SEASON OF
CREATION

The Australian Province Reconciliation with Creation Committee

Invites you to celebrate Season of Creation 2020, 1st September - 4th October

Season of Creation starts with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on the 1st September and ends with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on the 4th October. Pope Francis is calling us to 'hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth' as we acknowledge, reflect, pray and act to celebrate and care for God's creation during Season of Creation 2020! **"Jubilee for the Earth"**

How will you engage with Season of Creation? See below for some ideas! <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Contemplative videos from Mercy Australia & PNG

Animals - <https://vimeo.com/444118059>

Land - <https://vimeo.com/444116426>

Forest - <https://vimeo.com/444113238>

Wilderness - <https://vimeo.com/444110361>

River - <https://vimeo.com/444107673>

1. Mark September 1st <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>
2. Follow the calendar Mercy International Association – [calendar](#)
3. Create a liturgy using Fr Charles Rue [resource](#) make Creation Sunday September 6th special
4. Undertake the Being With God in Nature Online eco-retreat with Peter [Saunders](#)
5. Seek some new resources for your own formation, see Brian Grogan – *Finding God in a Leaf* – 30 day meditations
6. Take up the challenge to live simply in Covid times
 - draw attention to environmentally responsible ways of responding to COVID-19
 - Be wastewise, single use plastic free, do the Responsible Café contactless coffee.
7. Be creative – paint, make a creation Mandela, join Knitting Nannas
8. Join with FEN event 12th October <https://www.faithecolgy.net.au/>
9. Something for the calendar: Conference <https://www.iiec2021.org.au/>
10. Undertake a course, try the [Go Deep Green](#) or SDG Laudato Si' academy [course](#)
11. Support the Greenfaith Climate Emergency [declaration](#)
12. Find inspiration visit Plastic free [Sophia](#)
13. Create your own Season of Creation prayer space

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos into order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation.

Please share with us your season of creation activity. Sue.martin@siasl.org.au

Earth, our common home, is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis (Laudato Si' 1)

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World Council of Churches – Season of Creation ideas

Organize a Creation Walk or Pilgrimage. You might consider organizing a contemplative walk outside to meditate on the gift of God’s creation and our response to be in deeper communion with all life. This might be in the form of a “Via Creatio” or Creation walk in which you meditate on the 7 days of creation using stations. You could also organize a pilgrimage in a significant ecological site, or praying with ecologically themed Scripture or prayers, like this ecological rosary, while walking. Your pilgrimage could also culminate in a prayer service, or the following Earth Examen.

Water: Symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth

What is your water footprint? Find out by using a simple calculator

<https://waterfootprint.org/en/resources/interactive-tools/personal-water-footprint-calculator/>

One simple action we can take is to use our purchasing power with social enterprise organisations such as Who gives a crap <https://au.whogivesacrap.org/> to purchase toilet paper.

Learn more about how sacred the Ganges is to the people of India. Our Jesuit Healing Earth textbook has a water chapter - <https://healingearth.ijep.net/water/case-study-river-ganges>

Celebrate National Water Week 19-25 October

Pray:

Water Examen

Take a moment to calm yourself. Become aware of your breathing as we remember that we are in the presence of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in this Examen.

Recall the ways that water nourishes you and supports your life.

Where in your life do you feel grateful to God for the gift of water?

Review the events of this day, starting with when you woke up this morning.

When have you used water today? For drinking or eating? For washing?

When have you wasted water today or when could you have used water in better ways?

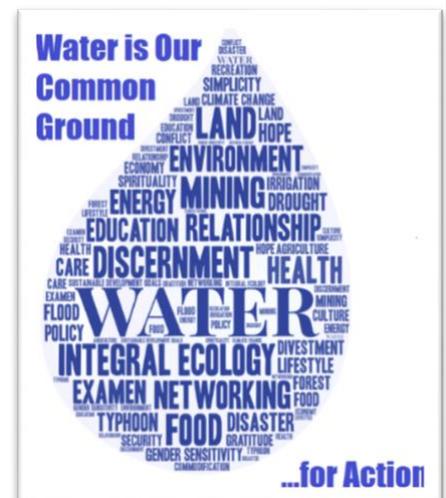
When did you take water for granted?

Ask for forgiveness from God for your shortcomings.

How could you use water better in the future?

Ask for the strength and knowledge to use water in ways that praise, reverence, and glorify God above all else.

Close with the Ignatian prayer of generosity: “Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. St Ignatius, pray for us.”



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