

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - SEPTEMBER

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

WHAT IS IT?

Season of Creation is the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Inspired by Prophet Amos (Amos 5: 24) this year's theme for the Season of Creation is "Let Peace and Justice Flow". We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Have a think about how you can get involved in Season of Creation 2023. In this newsletter you will find some suggestions for prayer, events and other useful resources.



EVENTS

Call of creation: Reading the signs of the times
7pm, Tuesday 12th September

A Webinar hosted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD and St Mary's University in conversation with Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji and Sr Margaret Atkins

To register visit: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/call-of-creation-reading-the-signs-of-the-times>

Season of Creation Prayer Services

2pm, Friday 1st September

2pm, Wednesday 4th October

Join with the global Church community by connecting online through the opening and closing prayer services

<https://seasonofcreation.org/official-events/>

PRAYER RESOURCES

CAFOD's rosary for the Care of Creation

Use these joyful mysteries on your own or in your parish or community, to reflect, pray and nourish your commitment to care for the earth.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary/care-of-creation-rosary>

Lectio Divina in Creation

Explore how God is speaking to you through creation.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/download/lectio-divina-in-creation/>

Eco Catholic Resources

Learn more and pray about our response to the cry of the earth.

<https://eco-catholic.com/animations/>

CAFOD's Novena to St Francis

Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/novena-to-st-francis>

USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation>

<https://laudatosimovement.org/season-of-creation/>

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/season-of-creation>

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/laudato-si-encyclical>

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