



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Resource Guide for Season of Creation 2025

1st September - 4th October

Introduction

The Season of Creation is an annual event and a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored.
There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.



This guide has links to resources and ideas to help celebrate the Season of Creation in your parish, community or home.

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Creator of all,

We praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action.

Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace,
through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.
Through your resurrection, make us people of hope, with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places.

Amen.

Prayer and Reflection



- Join the online prayer service for the opening of the Season September 1 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm CEST (Central European Time)
<https://seasonofcreation.org/events/>
- Download the Laudato Si' movement prayer book
<https://laudatosimovement.org/prayer-book/>
- [Daily Reflections](#) by Caritas Brentwood.
- Novena to St Francis of Assisi (Feast day 4th October).
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/novena-to-st-francis>
- Joyful Mysteries Rosary Care for Creation
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary/care-of-creation-rosary>

Liturgy and Scripture



On the 10th anniversary of the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Leo XIV has approved for use the Decree for the Missa pro custodia creationis - 'Mass for the Care of Creation'.

This can be downloaded from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/mass-for-the-care-of-creation/>

Catholic Liturgical Guide (written for 2024 but can be adapted to use this year).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qv2Q46TCv9L5w5HYeXImVgFODwh9exbM/view>

Creation Day - Eccumenical Guide

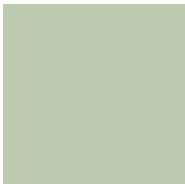
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Prayer Walks or pilgrimage



Via Creationis (Stations of Creation)



Scripture (The God Who Speaks)





Actions

- Sign up to CAFOD's LiveSimply Award.
- Join the 'Sustaining the Impact' webinar hosted by CBCEW and CAFOD - sign up at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/10th-anniversary-of-laudato-si-sustaining-the-impact/>.
- Explore Journey to 2030 Building a Better Community and Let us Dream Resources.
- Read Laudato Si' and Laudato Deum by Pope Francis.
- Read Pope Leo's message for the 10th day of prayer for the Care for Creation.
- Join, start or support your parish environmental group.



Make a commitment to reduce consumption and waste.



Become a Laudato Si Animator.



Increase biodiversity in you parish and home gardens.



Spend time outside focusing on the natural world and how your lifestyle impacts this.



Join in our Care for Creation Photography Project

Revelation 22:1-5

Care for Creation is one of the themes in this Jubilee year. During this time, you are invited to embrace God's vision of a world transformed, healed and restored. Where all the earth live in harmony with God and right relationship with each other.

Reflecting on the scripture above, share your photo's taken from within the Diocese of Portsmouth to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk that reflect the vision of a world transformed, healed and restored. Please also complete [this form](#) so we have the relevant permissions to share your picture. All submissions to be made by 30th September 2025.

