



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Resource Guide for Season of Creation 2026

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 theme of this year is ‘Living Water’ drawn from Ezekiel 47:9, 12 who gives a description of the Living Water we receive from God. The image of which we might appreciate all the more as we experience this very dry summer.

Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing. Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Watch your invitation from faith leaders to join our brothers and sisters to this time of prayer and action.



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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We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our local community: that through God's grace we may be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made. Lord, in your mercy...

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-soc/september-1st-prayer-service-for-creation-day/>
- Share the Season of Creation [prayer card](#).
- 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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cdv4F9FnmfP_hyAcSYFA-6vAViiA4MF0H11CHjNdACg/edit?tab=t.0



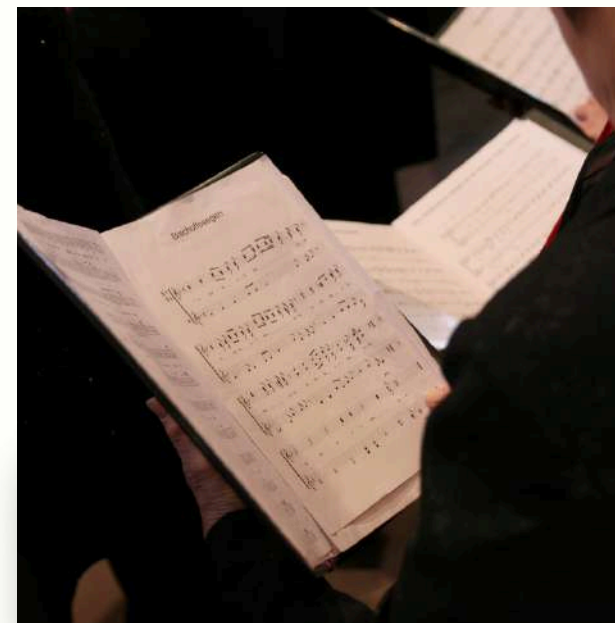
Prayer Walks or pilgrimage



Via Creationis (Stations of Creation)



Scripture (The God Who Speaks)





Actions

- Sign up to CAFOD's LiveSimply Award.
- Sign up to the Season of Creation: A Journey of Education and Ecological Conversion webinar hosted by CBCEW on 01 October. Aimed at educators in schools, students, parents, parishioners and all those who wish to respond to the Church's call to care for Creation
- Explore Journey to 2030 Building a Better Community and Let us Dream Resources.
- Join, start or support your parish environmental group.
- Celebrate Fairtrade Week and become a Fairtrade parish.
- This September the diocese is introducing it's Environmental Strategy, look out for news on the diocese webpage, e-news and socila media.



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.



From Pope Leo XIV



They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (Is 2:4) is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

This text highlights the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. Such degradation constitutes both a serious violation of our duty to care for creation, as well as a long-term threat to the lives of hundreds of millions of people. The now widespread awareness of the impact of war on natural resources has not led to the creation of adequate institutions or to responsible decisions aimed at preventing conflicts and resolving disputes peacefully. The title — a passage in which Isaiah prophesies the transformation of weapons into agricultural tools — is an explicit invitation to prioritize development and sustainability over violence and destruction.

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