

August 1, 2022

**JPIC:  
Love the Lord, Love His Kingdom, Love the Earth  
The Season of Creation**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in St. Francis and in Christ,

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration of prayer and action to care for the earth. **The season begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on October 4, the feast day of our beloved Saint Francis, the patron Saint of Ecology.** May our Franciscan Order join with Christians and others around the world and renew our relationship with our loving Lord, our Creator, and with all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has said that this time to honor creation offers “individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” (Pope Francis, “Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis For the Establishment of the ‘World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation,’” September 1, 2015.)

The Laudato Si’ Movement has suggested that the theme for this year’s Season of Creation is “Listening to the Voice of Creation.” The symbol for the season is the burning bush. I encourage you to explore the Laudato Si’ Movement website on this beautiful season. It can be found at <https://www.laudatosi.org/ecumenical/season-of-creation/>. There you will find many resources for prayer, reflection, and action. There is a Celebration of the Season of Creation guide found at <https://actalliance.org/act-news/2022-season-of-creation-celebration-guide-now-available/> with wonderful suggestions.

Many blessings to all of you during this season and always.

Peace and All Good,  
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