

Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

The theme for Season of Creation 2026 is: 'Immersion in Living Water': Ezekeiel 47:9,12.

A prayer for our earth

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

All powerful God, you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.

Lectio Divina Guide

What is Lectio Divina?

Lectio Divina ('sacred reading') is an ancient practice of the Church. Through reading and meditating on scripture, we can draw closer to and form a deeper relationship with God and where He is calling us.

The Method

Below is a simple, helpful guide for Lectio Divina. There are also other methods available that might suit your group better; you can search online.

Preparing

- Decide who will read the scripture (if in a group, choose two people).
- Prepare the space for a time of reflection (e.g. light a candle, create a display, have instrumental music playing, ensure everyone is comfortable in the space)
- Begin with a simple prayer, inviting God to help you understand the scripture you are reading.

Reading and Meditation

- Read the piece of scripture through slowly, and afterwards take some time in silence to consider anything that stood out to you.
- Read the scripture slowly again - was there anything else you noticed this time? Spend some more time in quiet reflection.
- Take turns to share any words/phrases that resonated with you.
- Enter into another period of quiet to reflect on what has resonated with you, and consider how you might respond to what God is telling you.

Conclusion

- Conclude this time with another simple prayer of praise or thanksgiving.
- Thank everyone for their openness and honesty.

Recommended Scripture Reading

These are readings that could be fruitful for the Season of Creation. You are also encouraged to explore other passages of the Bible. This is an exercise that you could invite your group to prepare before coming together in person.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 32:14-18
Ezekiel 47:9-12

New Testament:

Matthew 6:24-34
Matthew 8:23-27
Colossians 1:15-20