

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 Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
You became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as the channels of your love
for all creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
Of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you! Amen.

'A Christian prayer for union with creation' was published in Pope Francis' encyclical letter, Laudato Si. This prayer is for Christians to pray for inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.

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Weekends of 19-20th September, 26-27th September and 3rd - 4th October 2026

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