

Season of Creation (SOC) 2023 Prayers of the Faithful (POTF)



For preparation during July and August 2023
and during The Season of Creation,
September 1 – October 4/6 2022

In Preparation for the Season of Creation

July 1,2 - POTF Theme 1: What is *the Season of Creation*?

For Pope Francis, author of the encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home*, and all people of faith who are working to support the upcoming liturgical *Season of Creation*, supporting worldwide justice and peace for people, animals and plants, and the resources of the earth. **We pray to the Lord**

July 8,9 - POTF Theme 2: What does *Laudato Si'* Mean?

That we will join people of all faiths, during this upcoming liturgical *Season of Creation* this fall as a time to reflect, pray and act for justice and peace for all and for the glorification and praise of God, our Creator.

We pray to the Lord

July 15,16 – POTF Theme 3: The Gospel of Creation

That we seek the wisdom of the encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, which reminds us that the Gospel of Creation tasks us to “till and keep” the Earth by wisely using, protecting, and preserving Creation, God’s great gift of love, as we strive for justice and peace for all. **We pray to the Lord**

July 22,23 – POTF Theme 4: Our Place in the Gospel of Creation

That as we answer Pope Francis’s call for us to better understand the Gospel of Creation, we embrace our true role as stewards, and our place in kinship with all of Creation that have been, “loved into existence by God.” **We pray to the Lord.**

July 29,30 – POTF Theme 5: Hear the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor

That we may have the courage and humility to hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor, who suffer injustice from pollution, species loss, and climate change caused by our sins of inattention, greed, or willful destruction. **We pray to the Lord.**

August 5,6 – POTF Theme 6: What is the Season of Creation?

That we may open our hearts to your *Season of Creation* this September as we join with our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family for prayer, reflection, and action for justice and peace for our common home.

We pray to the Lord.

August 12,13 – POTF Theme 7: Season of Creation Events

As we prepare to participate in the Church’s liturgical *Season of Creation* this fall, we pray that we all may follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi – patron saint of ecology – and learn to respect creation and care for it as God’s gift of great love for us. **We pray to the Lord.**

August 19, 20 – POTF Theme 8: We Are All Connected

That we may celebrate Creation, God’s great gift of love to us, during this upcoming liturgical *Season of Creation* through acts of respect and love to further justice and peace for each other, for all of God’s creatures and for the Earth’s resources that sustain us. **We pray to the Lord**

Welcoming the Season of Creation with the World Day of Prayer for Creation

August 26, 27 – POTF Theme 9: World Day of Prayer for Creation

That all Catholics and people of good will join the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1st to herald the liturgical Season of Creation, so that together, like a mighty river, our prayers and actions bring justice and peace to all. **We pray to the Lord.**

During the Season of Creation

***Making Justice and Peace Flow Like Mighty River**

September 2, 3 - POTF Theme 10: Prayer and the Awe of Creation

That we may be inspired by the prayerful life of St. Francis of Assisi so that we can make room to experience God's loving presence through the intense beauty of His Creation and inspire us to act to make justice and peace flow like a mighty river.

***Renewing Our Vocation as Stewards**

September 9, 10 - POTF Theme 11: What Does Our Faith Make Our Feet Do?

That we may renew our vocation as stewards of creation by hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, acknowledging the connections that link us all through God's love, and taking action so that justice and peace will flow like a mighty river.

We pray to the Lord.

***Implore God's Help and Ask His Pardon**

September 16, 17 - POTF Theme 12: Examining our Hearts/Conversion of the Heart

That we may implore God's help to become aware of our role in the sufferings of the earth and the poor and ask his pardon when we fail to act with love, compassion, justice and peace for all of Creation.

We Pray to the Lord.

***Thank God for His Handiwork**

September 23, 24 - POTF Theme 13: For the Generations To Come

That we may come together to thank God for the magnificent handiwork of his creation and show our gratitude by serving him as stewards of this earth, promoting justice and peace for all here now and for the generations to come.

We pray to the Lord.

***Honoring the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

September 30, October 1 – POTF Theme 14: The Wisdom of St, Francis of Assisi

During the last days of this liturgical *Season of Creation* may we take to heart the words of St. Francis of Assisi when he taught us through his prayer, the *Canticle of the Creatures*, to praise God through sister air, sister water, brother sun and all that inhabit our sister, Mother Earth so that justice and peace will flow like a mighty river. **We**

pray to the Lord

***October 4, 5 - POTF Theme 15: Hearing Creation's Call for Justice and Peace**

On this feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the last day of the *Season of Creation*, we ask that we may be inspired by his life of love and simplicity. May we make lifestyle choices that safeguard Creation, guarantee access to all life sustaining resources, and respect the fundamental rights of every person and every creature now and into the future so that justice and peace will flow like a mighty river.

We pray to the Lord

