“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of the ecumenical Season of Creation 2023, Sept 1 to Oct. 4.

This theme is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).
DURING THIS SEASON OF CREATION

THE LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE ON CARE FOR MOTHER EARTH

WILL OFFER DAILY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING

LAUDATO SI’ ACTION PLATFORM (LSAP).
The Laudato Si’ Action Platform is an initiative of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development inspired by Pope Francis’s encyclical letter, Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home.

It is a virtual platform and worldwide community taking action to care for the earth and the poor.

Participants of all backgrounds, faiths and experience levels reflect on their lifestyles, evaluate opportunities for change, and set concrete action plans that help renew relationship with God, with others and with nature to answer the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of Future Generations.
FRIDAY SEPT. 1, 2023
FIRST DAY
SEASON OF CREATION

NO MEAT DAY

This World Day of Prayer and the beginning of the Season of Creation is a time when we come together in prayer and action for creation.

We remember that we must listen to the voice of creation and to the voices of the silent majority who have been most impacted by climate change.

These people are the most vulnerable in our world.

Today we remember that we are all responsible in ensuring climate justice.

"Climate Justice Now!" (art by Nissa Tzun) Vince Reinhart / Flickr Cc
SATURDAY SEPT. 2, 2023
SECOND DAY
SEASON OF CREATION

IF YOU DRINK COFFEE OR TEA,
BUY FAIR TRADE/ORGANIC ONLY.
IT’S GOOD FOR EARTH AND FOR WORKERS WHO
GROW AND HARVEST COFFEE.
SUNDAY SEPT. 3, 2023

Third Day
SEASON OF CREATION

Reduce the amount of waste you produce.

Reuse items as much as you can before replacing them.

Recycle items wherever possible.
Labor Day celebrates the women and men who campaigned for workers' rights in the late 19th century.
TUESDAY SEPT. 5, 2023

Fifth Day

SEASON OF CREATION

BUY LOCALLY-GROWN FOOD WHEN POSSIBLE
AND PATRONIZE LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES.
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 6, 2023
Sixth Day
SEASON OF CREATION
THINK ABOUT TWO DAYS PER WEEK EATING VEGETARIAN
"Let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles"

Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J.

Holy Father Francis' Message on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

THURSDAY SEPT. 7, 2023

Seventh Day

SEASON OF CREATION

OBSERVE THIS SEASON OF CREATION THROUGH PRAYER AND/OR AN EVENT.

EXPLORE WAYS TO TRANSFORM LIFESTYLES.
FRIDAY SEPT. 8, 2023
     Eighth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

NO MEAT FRIDAY

ELIMINATE THE USE OF DISPOSABLE PLATES,
UTENSILS,
NAPKINS AND CUPS.
REPLACE WITH REUSABLE OR COMPOSTABLE OPTIONS.
GET INTO THE HABIT OF CONSERVING ENERGY.

TURN OFF LIGHTS AND APPLIANCES WHEN NOT IN USE.

USE NATURAL VENTILATION WHEN POSSIBLE.
SUNDAY SEPT. 10, 2023

Tenth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

USE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS.

REPLACE PAPER TOWELS WITH REUSABLE CLOTH OR RAGS.
Eleventh Day
SEASON OF CREATION
TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS FOR MOTHER EARTH, OUR COMMON HOME.
TUESDAY SEPT. 12, 2023
Twelfth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

LOWER THE THERMOSTAT 2 DEGREES.
EACH DEGREE LOWERED
SAVES 5% ON HOME HEATING.
“WE HAVE ONLY ONE HEART, AND THE SAME WRETCHEDNESS WHICH LEADS US TO MISTREAT AN ANIMAL WILL NOT BE LONG IN SHOWING ITSELF IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PEOPLE”.

Laudato Si’ – On Care for Our Common Home

Pope Francis #92
THURSDAY SEPT. 14, 2023
Fourteenth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
PLANT A TREE.
FRIDAY SEPT. 15, 2023
Fifteenth Day
SEASON OF CREATION
NO MEAT FRIDAY

CLEAN YOUR DRYER’S LINT FILTER AFTER EACH USE. THIS CAN REDUCE ITS ENERGY USAGE SIGNIFICANTLY.
SATURDAY SEPT. 16, 2023
Sixteenth Day
SEASON OF CREATION
RESIST A SPIRIT OF DEFEATISM
THAT DESPAIRS OF FACING
CLIMATE CHANGE.
“We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice. If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion.”
—Hildegard of Bingen
BE AWARE OF THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE, NAMELY CHILDREN OF FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO WILL PAY THE PRICE OF TODAY’S SELFISHNESS.
TUESDAY SEPT. 19, 2023

Nineteenth Day

SEASON OF CREATION

ANIMAL SPECIES ARE LOSING THEIR HABITAT

DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 20, 2023
Twentieth Day

SEASON OF CREATION

BE CONTRITE FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH EACH
OF US HAS HARMED MOTHER EARTH,
OUR COMMON HOME.
THURSDAY SEPT. 21, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

SEASON OF CREATION

USE ONLY COLD WATER AND BIODEGRADABLE DETERGENT FOR LAUNDRY.
FRIDAY SEPT. 22, 2023
Twenty Second Day
SEASON OF CREATION

NO MEAT FRIDAY

REFLECT ON THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE, LIKE THE MILLIONS OF FISHER FOLK IN THE WORLD WHOSE LIVELIHOOD IS BEING DESTROYED BY WARMING OCEANS AND OCEAN ACIDIFICATION.
CLIMATE CHANGE PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE LIVELIHOOD OF FARMERS.
NATURAL DISASTERS CREATE THE SOCIAL CHAOS THAT PROMOTES HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

TO ACT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE IS TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
HELP THE PLANET BY CHOOSING ECO-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES TO PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS.

USE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 2023
Twenty Sixth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

NOTICE AND REVERENCE THE

NON-HUMAN CREATURES WITH WHOM WE SHARE LIFE.
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27, 2023
Twenty-Seventh Day
SEASON OF CREATION

REFUSE TO USE PLASTIC JARS, BOTTLES, CONTAINERS, JUGS, ETC.
THURSDAY SEPT. 28, 2023
Twenty Eighth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

USE BIODEGRADABLE DETERGENT FOR WASHING CLOTHES AND DRYER BALLS FOR DRYER.
FRIDAY SEPT. 29, 2023
Twenty-Ninth Day
SEASON OF CREATION

NO MEAT FRIDAY
• SATURDAY SEPT. 30, 2023
• Thirtieth Day
• SEASON OF CREATION

• LEARN WHY PEOPLE FLEE THEIR NATIVE LANDS
• WELCOME THEM AS SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

• “I WAS AN IMMIGRANT AND YOU WELCOMED ME” (MATT. 25:35).
SUNDAY, OCT. 1, 2023
Thirty-First Day
SEASON OF CREATION

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
BECOME AWARE OF THE COMMUNION OF
AIR SHARED BY ALL BREATHING THINGS.
USE BIODEGRADABLE UTENSILS WHEN POSSIBLE
“LIVING OUR VOCATION TO BE PROTECTORS OF GOD’S HANDIWORK IS ESSENTIAL TO A LIFE OF VIRTUE; IT IS NOT AN OPTIONAL OR A SECONDARY ASPECT OF OUR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE”.

Pope Francis - LAUDATO SI’ p. 217
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, 2023

Thirty-Fourth & Last Day
SEASON OF CREATION

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

“We need, in a special way, to work twice as hard to help people understand that the animals are fellow creatures, that we must protect them and love them as we love ourselves.”

― Cesar Chavez
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