

Season of Creation Prayer and Liturgy Resources



The Season of Creation is an ecumenical initiative celebrated every year from September 1 to October 4, beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation and concluding on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. This season gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen our responsibility to care for God's creation.

Mass for the Care of Creation

On August 4, 2026, the Holy See's Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English and Spanish translations of the Mass "For the Care of Creation" to be used in the United States.

[See the second page of this resource for more information on this Mass.](#)

Our Common Home and the Transforming Power of the Liturgy

Just before the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest solemnly places bread and wine upon the altar while he prays: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread [the wine] we offer you: fruit of the earth [of the vine] and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life [our spiritual drink]." This ritual element manifests "the eucharistic form of life" and brings about "a real change in the way we approach history and the world" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum caritatis*, no. 92). The liturgy has power to transform us into people who care for our common home.

[Learn more about the liturgy and our common home.](#)

Care for God's Creation Prayer

God of all creation,
How splendid and majestic is the world you created!
It reveals your glory; it teaches us about you.
When you made us in your image,
you gave us this command:
care for the world and for all the creatures in it,
for this is our common home.
Yet your holy creation cries out,
for our home is "burdened and laid waste,"
scorched and scarred.

Come among us
that we might remember our interdependence.
Let us see the face of your Son in those who suffer
from the destruction of our common home.
Help us to be stewards
who honor you in the world you have made
for the good of all creation
and for future generations.
May your justice reign forever!
Amen.

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 19 (18):2

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Collect

God our Father,
who have called all things into being
in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
grant, we pray, that, docile to the life-giving breath of your Spirit,
we may lovingly care for the works of your hands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer Over the Offering

Receive, O Father,
these fruits of the earth and of our hands:
bring the work of your creation to perfection in them,
so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit,
they may become for us the food and drink of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 98 (97):3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament of unity which we have received, O Father,
increase communion with you and with our brothers and sisters,
so that, as we await new heavens and a new earth,
we may learn to live together in harmony with all creatures.
Through Christ our Lord.

