



To help you plan when to use the Mass for the Care of Creation:

The Missal and Lectionary texts of the Mass “For the Care of Creation” / “Por el Cuidado de la creación” for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America were confirmed by decree of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on August 4, 2026 (Prot. n. 447/26). This is classified as a “Mass for Various Needs and Occasions” (MVNO).

Therefore:

1) The Mass “For the Care of Creation” is encouraged to be used on September 1st which is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (*Creation Day*).

- Since September 1, 2026 is observed liturgically as a weekday in Ordinary Time, it is permissible to celebrate the Mass “For the Care of Creation” on September 1, 2026.

2) The Mass “For the Care of Creation” may be used on those liturgical days which have a rank of 13. (See *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 59. This is available in your local ordo or in the front of your Roman Missal).

3) The Mass for the Care of Creation **may not** be used on Sundays (unless approved by the Local Ordinary) or on days marking liturgical Feasts or Obligatory Memorials.

4) Can the Mass for the Care of Creation be used on September 9th or October 4th?

DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	CHOICE OF MASS TEXTS
September 1	Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time	Okay to use MVNO: “Mass for Care for Creation”
September 9	Obligatory memorial of St. Peter Claver	No – the obligatory memorial outranks a MVNO
October 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	No -- the Sunday in Ordinary Time outranks the Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis this year