



The Burning Bush Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

*"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...
Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you"*
(Ex 3: 1-12)

Taking Season of Creation Into the Future

SEASON OF CREATION began four weeks ago with an invitation from Pope Francis to 'LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION' in his message for [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#) issued on the Memorial Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, July 16, 2022

In this strong appeal he called on the "extractive industries of mining, oil, forestry, real estate: to STOP destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to STOP polluting rivers and seas, to STOP poisoning food and people."



Continuing Advocacy at the global level to Care for our Home: United Nations COP 27 to be held in Egypt

This important global event is planned for 7-18 November. This conference can benefit from the knowledge and solutions of marginalised communities, those whose voices are not heard. Here the world comes together to make binding promises on how to lessen climate change and support the most vulnerable countries and communities as they suffer the impact of a changing climate. Particularly important this year is securing adequate financing for communities to adapt to the loss and damage done to land, livelihoods, cultures, species and peoples by the effects of climate change, and ensuring that the needs of marginalised women are at the centre of all climate plans.

Pope Francis argued in his World Day of Prayer message that this gathering represents the next opportunity for all to come together to promote the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement."

He also recalled that: "The effort to reach the Paris goal of limiting temperature increase to 1.5°C is quite demanding; it requires responsible cooperation among all nations to present more ambitious climate plans or nationally determined contributions to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions to zero as quickly as possible. This means "converting" consumption and production patterns, as well as lifestyles, in a way that is more respectful of creation and the integral human development of all peoples, present and future; a development based on responsibility, prudence/precaution, solidarity, concern for the poor and for future generations."

"In all her being and actions, the Church is called to promote the integral development of the human person in the light of the Gospel. This development takes place by attending to the inestimable goods of justice, peace, and the care of creation. The Successor of the Apostle Peter, in his work of affirming these values, is continuously adapting the institutions which collaborate with him, so that they may better meet the needs of the men and women whom they are called to serve."

Pope Francis

Pope Francis also reminded us that the COP15 summit on biodiversity, to be held in December in Canada, will offer the goodwill of governments an important opportunity to adopt a new multilateral agreement to halt the destruction of ecosystems and the extinction of species.” According to the ancient wisdom of the Jubilee, we need to “remember, return, rest and restore.” To stop the further collapse of biodiversity, our God-given “web of life,” let us pray and urge nations to agree on all key principle.”

Continuing Advocacy at the LOCAL level to Care for our Home

A tool launched in 2021 by the Dicastery is the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP, laudatosi.actionplatform.org). As the website indicates, LSAP is a 7-year (jubilee) action-oriented ecological conversion journey in the spirit of an integral ecology that aims to support and empower Catholic families, communities, and institutions to achieve integral ecological sustainability by 2030. The goal is to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth, the cry of the poor and the cry of our children and future generations, and to make visible to the world that ecological conversion is possible.



Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday, 4 October

“Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for they will be crowned.”

St. Francis of Assisi

Inspired by LAUDATO SI, we invite you to pray this LAMENT for our abuse of our wounded planet Earth

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1. We have for too long been silent in the face of increasing degradation & pollution of our planet Earth (LS #2)
2. We have neglected to cultivate an attitude of reverence, awe and wonder for the smallest & greatest of your creations. (LS #2)
3. We have been selfish and irresponsible in our use of the earth's limited resources which should be shared by all the human family. (LS #6)
4. We have been blind to the reality that nature is a magnificent book in which God speak to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. (LS #12)

All pray: Forgive us, O God.

5. We have been weak in our conviction that we are one single human family, that there are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide. (LS #52)
6. We human beings have placed ourselves at the centre and thus see everything as irrelevant unless it serves our own immediate interests.(LS #122)
7. Modern human beings have been seduced into unrestrained delusions of grandeur by the enormous power technology gives us. (LS#114)

All pray: Forgive us, O God.

8. The traditions and cultures of Indigenous communities throughout our world have not been adequately cared for and protected. (LS #146)
9. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental changes are unsustainable. (LS #163)
10. We have neglected to cultivate our sense of gratitude in recognition that the world is God's loving gift and that we are called to imitate the generosity of our God. (LS #220)

All pray: Forgive us, O God.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October popesprayer.va

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.