

Laudato Si' Reflections and Action Calendar

Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4, 2017)

September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), Christians around the world are invited to participate in a "Season of Creation" - a special time of caring and praying for creation.

Daily Prayer - In Solidarity with All Creation (SSND Green Team)

Oh how beautiful are your ways, O God, the works of your creation. Raise our consciousness to know and feel deeply in our hearts our connectedness to all that is.

Instill in us the gift of being co-creators and sustainers of Life. Teach us new and unsuspected ways of living so that current and future generations can walk humbly in beauty, love all compassionately, and live justly in solidarity with all creation.

Loving and gracious God, give us the courage to seek this transformation of self and society and the strength to see it through. Amen



<h3>September 1</h3> <p>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</p> <p>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. (<i>Laudato Si'</i>, 217)</p> <p>Prayer Resource - http://bit.ly/2pdwho0</p>		<p>2/3 Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise. (12)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Take time this weekend to reflect on the splendor and beauty of God's creations.</p>	<p>4 Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from a relationship with others and with God. (119)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Enjoy this video reflection - <i>A Prayer for Earth</i> goo.gl/jDa4Nh</p>	<p>5 We are called to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet. (9)</p>
<p>6 Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption. (23)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Learn about the LOAF principle and apply it to your food choices.</p>	<p>7 The deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet. (48)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Read/reflect on this article goo.gl/NwWguL</p>	<p>8 Our goal is to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening in our world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it. (19)</p>	<p>9/10 There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions. (211)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Review the revised SSND "Living Simply, Responsibly and Sustainably" resource.</p>	<p>11 We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. (229)</p>
<p>12 There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. (25)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Reflect/act on our proposed corporate stance.</p>	<p>13 Concern for others and the rejection of self-centeredness is essential if we truly wish to care for each other and the natural environment. (208)</p>	<p>14 A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems. (164)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Learn about the Paris Climate Agreement; explore ways you can take action.</p>	<p>15 I urgently appeal for a new dialogue for how we are shaping the future of our planet. (14)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Invite someone to watch this video with you goo.gl/az589Z and have a conversation.</p>	<p>16/17 Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. (237)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Rest.</p>
<p>18 Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right. (30)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Take steps to be ever more mindful of your water usage. Learn more at goo.gl/j514mV</p>	<p>19 The climate is a common good belonging to all and meant for all. (23)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Remind Congress. Urge your Rep to support bipartisan legislative efforts to make a difference.</p>	<p>20 Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with Earth itself. (66)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Catholic Climate Covenant</p>	<p>21 International Day of Peace</p> <p>The deterioration of the environment and of society effects the most vulnerable people on the planet. (48)</p> <p><i>Prayer/Action</i> - goo.gl/es12rK</p>	<p>22 Autumnal Equinox</p> <p>Approach nature and the environment with openness to awe and wonder...speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world. (11)</p>
<p>23/24</p> <p>Contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves. (233)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Prepare and eat food mindfully and gratefully.</p>	<p>25 Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself; the same is true of the ensemble of organisms functioning as a system. (140)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Affirm the life of an insect you see; reflect on its contribution to the whole.</p>	<p>26 International Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons</p> <p>War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples, risks which are magnified when one considers nuclear arms. (57)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Urge support for ban on nuclear weapons.</p>	<p>27 Citizens must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations to control damage to the environment. (179)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Urge Congress to act goo.gl/HoJuws</p>	<p>28 For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we are made for love. (58)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Practice non-violence in thought, word, and deed.</p>
<p>29 Purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act. (206)</p> <p>Defend the interests of small producers and preserve local ecosystems from destruction. (180)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Shop/Support Fair Trade</p>	<p>30/Oct 1 Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. (207)</p>	<p>2 We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe the air, we receive life and refreshment from her waters. (2)</p>	<p>3 The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion. (219)</p> <p><i>Action</i> - Use our province Land Ethic Statement for reflection; commit to act.</p>	<p>4 St. Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and to interior peace. (10)</p> <p>St. Francis of Assisi</p>