

Suggested Creation Care Petitions for the Prayers of the People in the Easter Season in Rhode Island, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

In this season of Resurrection glory, we give thanks for the return of egrets, purple martin swallows and herring as their vast migrations bring them back to Rhode Island. We pray for migrating species everywhere, that they will flourish in all seasons despite the risks of pesticides, herbicides and loss of their habitats.

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026

As the disciples saw the presence of Christ in the breaking of bread, so may we see and hear Christ's glory in the more-than-human world around us. As many celebrate Earth Day, we give thanks for the return of ruby-throated humming birds and the choruses of spring peepers. We pray they have the space to flourish.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

As Christ leads us in this season to green pastures and spring water, we give thanks for the blooming of marsh marigolds in our wetlands and emerging bumblebees in our meadows. We celebrate our cleaner, clearer rivers, allowing the return of shad and herring in greater numbers.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

We give thanks for World Migratory Bird Day this Saturday, and celebrate Red-eyed Vireos, American Redstarts, Eastern Kingbirds, Scarlet Tanagers and other winged neighbors returning from southern wintering grounds to their spring dwelling places with us. We pray they thrive despite the threat to their insect food sources due to climate change.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026

As Paul proclaimed the God who made the world and everything in it, so in this Easter season we give thanks to the Creator who gives us the delicate fleeting beauty of the azure spring butterfly, delighting the eye through its brief days of fluttering life, laying eggs on dogwood and blueberry for next year's glory.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026

We give thanks to those around the world who recognized Endangered Species Day on Friday. In Rhode Island today we pray for horseshoe crabs, ancient, strange and threatened. Lunar and tidal rhythms in spring and early summer pull them shoreward to spawn new generations, at risk by their use for bait and medical research.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

As the Holy Spirit-driven disciples proclaimed the Resurrection in Jerusalem in diverse languages two thousand years ago, may we in this season hear the voice of Christ in the wondrous, varied and growing chorus of singing birds, rustling leaves and whistling breezes of the New England spring.

