

Prayer of the Faithful

2026 Season Of Creation: Living Water Immersion in Living Water -Ezekiel 47:9,12

The Season of Creation is a special time when Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to care for our common home. From 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), we are invited to renew our relationship with God, one another, and all of creation. (Guide: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WeWEjt_WxyS6Ed5qD8tnRIahSMJ5SUmI/view)

Parishes are invited and encouraged to include a Prayer of the Faithful on each of the following Sundays:

22nd Sunday OT – 30 August

Tuesday, 1 September - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

23rd Sunday OT– 6 September

24th Sunday OT – 13 September

25th Sunday OT – 20 September

26th Sunday OT – 27 September

27th Sunday OT – 4 October – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Following are possible prayers to include or adapt:

Reader:

For all humanity: (pause) that during this Season of Creation, we learn from our past irresponsibility, be filled with a spirit of concern for our environment and be gifted with the courage needed to change. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord

During this Season of Creation, may we grow in awareness of the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us: (pause). Make us mindful of ways to care for all the planet's waters which richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord

For all faith and community leaders, governments, and international organisations: (pause) that during this Season of Creation all speak out and act strongly against the exploitation our Earth and develop economic strategies that protect and repair creation for current and future generations. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord

For all those who work for the environment: (pause) that during this Season of Creation, may all be filled with such gratitude for their action and advocacy and we become their allies and co-workers. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord

For all humanity: (pause) that during this Season of Creation we learn from past irresponsibility toward our natural resources, embrace our interconnectedness and find the courage to change our lifestyles for the well-being of the Earth. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord

For all whose lives are closely intertwined with water – coastal peoples, fisherfolk, marine biologists, water engineers and all who teach us wise ways to live with water: (pause) that during this Season of Creation may all people be moved to action and use their influences to take little practice steps to create change. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

During this Season of Creation may we be aware of where waters, lands, air, and living creatures are abused and threatened: (pause) may respect and care for the environment be urgently restored so that all ecosystems can flourish together. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For world and community leaders: (pause) that during this Season of Creation they may be inspired by the Spirit to enact robust economic strategies and policies that protect waterways, combat the climate crisis, and repair creation for future generations. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

Make us awareness of where and when have treated water as a commodity (pause) teach us to receive water as sacred gift entrusted to every generation and honour water as a source of life for all. (pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Today (or this this coming week on 1 September), we celebrate the Season of Creation. Being reminded that “living water” can heal, bless and inspire us to be faithful servants of God. May we in this season remember our responsibility for God’s great gift and how we can live with our God, our neighbour, our earth and the universe itself. With this in mind, we bring our prayer to our, loving creator God:

Closing Prayer

Presider: Lord of life, open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit that we may have the wisdom to find creative ways to protect and renew all of creation for the benefit of the Earth, and its people, today and forever. All: Amen

Season of Creation 2026 Prayer

Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amen.