

Season of Creation, 2019



Web of Life

*We are part of a single,
wondrously complex
web of life
that is woven by God.*

The Season of Creation, celebrated throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October - the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - has a special significance for the Catholic Church since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual “World Day of Prayer” for the care of Creation.

The theme for 2019 is "***the web of life***,"
a theme that reflects
both our role as the stewards of creation
and the urgent need to protect
the rich tapestry of biodiversity
that the Creator has woven.

‘The scriptures begin with God’s affirmation
that all of creation is **“very good,”** and as the stewards
of God’s creation, we are called to protect its goodness.

Genesis 1:30, 1:28; Jeremiah 29:5-7

Every species, indeed every being of every species, is precious
because it is made by God. All reflect an aspect of God.

***“How many are your works, Lord? In wisdom you made them all; the
earth is full of your creatures.” Psalm 104:24***

This is why we lament that God’s creatures are disappearing
from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend.

From humble insects to majestic mammals,
from microscopic plankton to towering trees,
creatures from across God’s dominion are becoming extinct,
and may never be seen again...

the most vulnerable among us suffer most deeply
as the web of life begins to unravel.

Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis...’

Letter from Faith Leaders, 2019

Scripture Reading - Job 12:7-10



But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth,
and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

We are Connected

We are sorry, Lord,
that just by living without thought
we pollute the air,
poison the waters
and damage the land.
We are sorry, Lord.

For we are connected,
whether we recognise it or not,
to all of creation;
to all that you made;
from ant to mountain
we are connected.



Life giving Spirit,
heal and restore us
that we may live gently on earth
and, united with the whole of creation,
sing our song of praise to you,
Living, Communitarian God,
Father, Son and Spirit.

.....Reflection/Sharing.....

Intercessory Prayer

- 🌍 In this Season of Creation when we celebrate your precious gift of creation, we pray for strength and wisdom to be good stewards. Transform our hearts and minds that we may place the welfare of your earth and your people before our, sometimes selfish, wants.
- 🌍 Give us the courage to give voice to the voiceless in our communities and ecosystems and teach us how to replace systems of destruction and oppression with systems of justice and sustainability.

🌍 Lord of the harvest, you call us to share in the planning, planting, cultivating, protecting, harvesting and sharing of the fruits! We pray for the land, the forests and the rivers. And, as we do so, we place before you the October Synod, "Amazonia: new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology " and the work of Lora and the Sisters in Fiji with the reforestation project on Nacula Island in the Yasawas.

Please add your own intentions ...

Pacific Women's Creed

- to be prayed and lived throughout the Season of Creation!

We believe creation is a gift from God,
an expression of the Creator's goodness.

We believe there is a rhythm to God's creation, like a drum beat.

When we lose the rhythm, or the drum is damaged,
the music is out of tune.

We believe that as Christians,
we are called to be peacemakers,
in order that our world and our communities, and each person,
may experience the true peace which God promises.

We believe this may sometimes mean
disturbing the peace, as Jesus did, for a purpose –
to restore the purpose of God.

We believe!

