



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

September 1st TO October 4th

The Season of Creation, an annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation, begins on 1 September on the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Theme : TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Guided by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

Important dates:

* September 1 (Sunday): Season of Creation Opening Prayer global faith leaders

* September 21 (Saturday): Day of action to endorse the UN's Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) SEE **TAKE ACTION**

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online webinar to explain and reflect on phasing out of fossil fuels

* October 4 (Friday) : Season of Creation Closing Event..

Additional Resources

<https://laudatosimovement.org> A Catholic movement

PDF EN_Celebration guide_ Season of Creation (47 pages)

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<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/cura-creato.index.html>

UN's Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT)

The **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** Initiative is spurring international cooperation to end the fossil fuel era.

TAKE ACTION..... SIGN ON TO THE FAITH LETTER



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The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty would significantly impact global fossil consumption. The treaty would limit the exploration and production of new fossil fuel, the treaty would accelerate the transition to cleaner energy while addressing environmental and health challenges. Its impact would be felt globally, affecting energy markets, policies, health, and sustainability efforts.

TAKE ACTION..... SIGN ON TO THE FAITH LETTER

Sign the Faith Open Letter as a faith institution

<https://fossilfueltreaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter>

Sign the Faith Open Letter as an individual

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