

Celebrating *Laudato Si'* and the Season of Creation with Prayers of the Faithful 2021

For use in July and August to introduce *Laudato Si'* and to prepare for the September 2021
Season of Creation – beginning on Sept 1st and ending with the Feast of St. Francis on Oct 4th

July 2021

Week #1: May we honor the wisdom of the encyclical *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home* through acts of respect, justice and love for each other, all God's creatures and the Earth's resources. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #2: For our Church, that it may encourage and support Pope Francis' call for ecological conversion, hearing the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor. **We pray to the Lord**

Week #3: That we may answer the call to better understand the Gospel of Creation, our true roles as stewards, and our place in kinship with all of Creation. **We pray to the Lord**

Week #4: For those of all faiths and in leadership across the globe who are working to support protection of humanity, biodiversity and the resources of the earth. **We pray to the Lord.**

August 2021

Week #1: As we prepare for the upcoming Season of Creation, may we follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, and learn to respect creation and care for the earth. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #2: Help us take to heart the words of St. Francis of Assisi, when he taught us to praise God through sister air, sister water, brother sun, and all that inhabit Mother Earth. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #3: May we be inspired to follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi, making lifestyle choices that safeguard Creation by living in simplicity so that others may simply live. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #4: Help us end the suffering of those enduring racial and environmental injustice, poverty and sickness, by bringing healing through compassionate understanding of our interdependence. **We pray to the Lord.**

September 1 – October 4 Season of Creation and Feast of St. Francis (Oct 4)

Adapted from *A Prayer of Our Earth* by Pope Francis from *Laudato Si'*)

Week #1: On this ecumenical World Day of Prayer during this Season of Creation, may we join others to protect the world and not prey on it, sowing beauty, not pollution and destruction. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #2: Filled with God's peace, and the love of His gift of Creation, may we live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #3: That we may help to rescue the poor, the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in God's eyes. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #4: Help us protect the life and beauty of the Earth, our common home, for future generations as we journey through our own ecological conversion. **We pray to the Lord.**

Week #5: As we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, may we discover the value of every living thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, recognizing that we are profoundly united with every creature. **We pray to the Lord.**

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For information and Resources:

- Ignatian Solidarity Network <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/programs/>
- *Pope Francis Eyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home* <https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/laudato-si-care-our-common-home>
- Season of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org>

