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# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome!

Welcome to this year's Season of Creation. Thank you for bringing your community together for this special season of ecumenical solidarity.

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is **"Peace with Creation."**

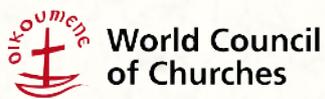
This guide will help you learn about and plan for this season. It includes ideas for prayer, including an ecumenical prayer service (page 18) and ways to incorporate and reflect on this year's theme and symbol (see Addendum 1 on page 41).

More resources, including webinars and prayer services, sample promotional materials, and the official Season of Creation social media channels, are available online. Please visit [SeasonOfCreation.org](https://SeasonOfCreation.org) to access all the materials.

We look forward to praying, celebrating, and advocating together in hope and action with Creation this Season!

In Christ,

Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee Members



# ECUMENICAL FAITH LEADERS INVITATION

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home, the *Oikos* of God.

The season's "Celebration" begins September 1, the Day which several Christian denominations celebrate as a World Day of Prayer for Creation and celebrated by some as the Feast of Creation and ends October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, beloved by many Christian denominations.

This year we will unite around the theme "Peace with Creation" with the symbol "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Ecumenical faith leaders from across the world have prepared a special invitation for you and your community to take part in this season which you can watch [here](#).

Many have also shared their reflections to inspire our ecumenical family in this journey forward, as Christians everywhere prepare to witness the hope and action working together with and for Creation.

As a powerful statement to the importance of this ecumenical season of prayer and action for Creation, here are the words from faith leaders of our Christian family summoning us to this special season:



As sacred Scripture teaches, the earth is the Lord's and all of us dwell in it as 'aliens and tenants' (Leviticus 25:23). If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry."

His Holiness Pope Francis,  
Bishop of Rome, Roman Catholic Church

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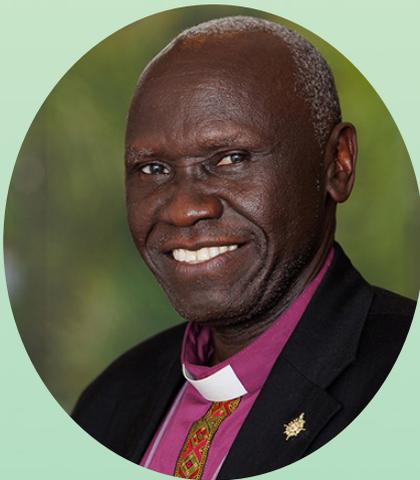
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We cannot and should not hope to address climate change without working closely with one another. As we have repeatedly stated, 'we are all in the same boat. 'Creation care is a collective mandate and responsibility."

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew,  
Holy Orthodox Church

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We thank God for our part in Creation, for the call to treasure it, to be good stewards and to discern the signs of the times. May we act for justice together to safeguard people, animals and the natural world."

Bishop Anthony Poggo,  
General Secretary, Anglican Communion

Photo by ACNS/Neil Turner



We acknowledge the urgent call to action, and we acknowledge that we can only respond to it on the basis of faith. The Season of Creation is a source of strength and communion."

Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt,  
General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation

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Let's celebrate with St. Paul the Spirit's role as midwife through the threefold 'cosmotheandric' sequence of the holy groaning of creation as Mother Earth, of the Spirit as midwife, and of believers as the adopted children of God!"

Rev. Dr. Jong Chun J.C. Park,  
President, World Methodist Council

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We are called to be responsible stewards and citizens as we care for and sustain the earth which belongs to the Lord. We each need to do our part for creation care."

Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay,  
General Secretary, World Council of Churches

Photo by WCC/Albin Hillert



We should not disappoint the Creator by spoiling His creation, with which He entrusted us from the dawn of the times and keeps protecting us from ourselves. A paradigm shift is of utmost necessity."

Prof. Michel Abs,  
Secretary General, the Middle East Council of Churches

Photo by MECC

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We must shift away from fossil fuels and move towards renewable energy in a fair and organised way. Our faith calls us to support vulnerable communities who are most affected by the climate crisis.”

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria,  
General Secretary, ACT Alliance

Photo by ACT Alliance



In this Season of Creation, I urge all Christians everywhere to take practical steps by taking care of the environment, conserving natural resources and promoting sustainability to protect the Earth. I call on all Christians to join this Season of Creation.”

Seth Appiah-Kubi,  
National Director, A Rocha Ghana

Photo by A Rocha Ghana



To be at peace with creation is to dwell in harmony with God’s life-giving presence in all things. The Season of Creation calls us to a deeper communion with the Earth, embracing our role in God’s unfolding work of love, healing, and reconciliation for the whole of creation.”

Dr. Hefin Jones,  
Member of Executive Committee,  
World Communion of Reformed Churches

Photo by The Union of Welsh Independents

# SEASON OF CREATION

## 2025 THEME

Each year, the Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation.

**This year's theme is "Peace with Creation", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18:** *"For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks. Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."* (NRVUE)

### War on Creation

"The palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks" (Isaiah 32:14).

The prophet Isaiah portrays a desolate Creation, devoid of peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. Devastated cities and wastelands reflect the destructive impact that human activities can have on Earth. Animals readily move in and claim parts of what was once an exclusively human habitat, as if human settlement had deprived them of sufficient space. While the joy of a pasture for animals (Isaiah 32:14) is undoubtedly a good thing in itself, it comes at the cost of human displacement due to conflict.

Though God's plan for Creation is rooted in justice and peace, human sin disrupts this, leaving Creation in ruin—from wealthy palaces to poor farmlands, forests, and oceans. Isaiah vividly describes the results of human estrangement from Creation. Moreover, the abandoned and ruined watchtower and palace (or citadel, in some translations) suggest that warfare is ultimately frustrated by God.

Peace is more than just the absence of war. In the Hebrew Bible, shalom represents a far deeper concept—one that extends beyond the absence of conflict to the full restoration of broken relationships, as illustrated in Isaiah's vision. This restoration encompasses our relationship with God, ourselves, the human family, and the rest of Creation.

Throughout history, many human activities have contributed to the destruction of Creation. Yet today, more than ever, some human activities take the form of a war against Creation. Our impact has expanded from local to global, manifesting in unsustainable lifestyles, excessive consumption, lasting pollution, and a throwaway culture.

Some hold greater responsibility for this crisis—elite consumption, exploitative business models, and economic theories prioritizing profit over sustainability. Pollution, health crises, deforestation, and mining in conflict zones worsen the situation.

Last year's UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16) in Cali, Colombia, aptly themed "Peace with Nature," highlighted the urgency of these issues.

Saint Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures* calls the Earth our sister and mother. How can Mother Earth nurture us if we fail to contemplate, learn from, and love her? Ignoring our interconnectedness undermines this vital relationship.

## **Our Hope: Creation Will Find Peace When Justice Is Restored**

"Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field" (Isaiah 32:16).

There is hope for a peaceful Earth. Biblically, hope is active—it involves prayer, action, and reconciling with Creation and the Creator through repentance (metanoia) and solidarity. Isaiah 32:14-18 envisions a peaceful Creation where God's people live only when justice is achieved. Righteousness leads to peace and restores the land's fertility: "The effect of righteousness will be peace; and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isaiah 32:14-18).

Creation is God's sacred gift, entrusted to our care. Christians are called to protect and nurture Creation in peace, working in partnership with others and passing this responsibility on to future generations. Its deep interconnectedness makes peace both essential and fragile.

Pope Francis challenges us: "What is the goal of our work? What need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us" (*Laudato Si'*, 160).

Churches engage globally in climate, agriculture, and biodiversity efforts, grounded in theology and a prophetic call for repentance and justice. Only through reconciliation with and genuine justice for all living beings will Creation find peace, fulfilling Isaiah's vision (32:14-18).

## A Kairos Moment: 1700 Years of the Nicene Creed

“We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life” (Nicene Creed\*).

The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Since 325, Christians everywhere have followed the Nicene call to confess their communion in faith and to witness their faith in the context of a troubled, unequal, and divided world. The Nicene Creed has become a bond of peace and communion between churches. Our work for peace with Creation can draw on this old and strong ecumenical communion. It is an expression of the Nicene Creed today.

The Creed of Nicaea affirms that Christians believe in the triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we read Isaiah 32:14-18 on the basis of our faith in the triune God: We recognize the Holy Spirit in the healing spirit that Isaiah foresees being poured out over the wilderness. We recognize the Son’s work of justification in Isaiah’s witness to God’s promise that “justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field” (Isaiah 32:16).

In our troubled, unequal, and divided world, we are strengthened by the confession of faith and by the ecumenical communion established in Nicaea to follow Isaiah’s call and stand firm in our witness for God’s promise of peace for all Creation. Therefore, in the face of conflicts and strife, let us proclaim God’s promise: “The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.” (Isaiah 32:17)

\*NB: the version of the Creed updated to 381, known as “Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed”, has been used in the quotation.

## A Call to Action: “The Effect of Justice Will Be Peace”

God calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). We are called to live in peace, worship the Creator, and work for a just and sustainable community that aligns with God’s eternal plans. As co-workers with the Creator, we must embody peace with all of Creation.

- “My people shall abide in a peaceful habitation” (v18). God’s peace is unconditional, rooted in justice and righteousness for all people and Creation. Peace cannot exist for only a few.

- “The fruitful field is deemed a forest” (v18). God declared all Creation “good.” Despite the damage caused by sin (Genesis 3:17-19), biodiversity reflects generosity and abundance. Through Christ, God became human, calling us to learn from, respect, and protect Creation.
- “The populous city will be deserted” (v14). Let us pray and respond to the cries of communities losing land and livelihoods due to war, climate change, or land grabbing, and those burdened by unsustainable practices or debt.
- “Until a spirit from on high is poured upon us” (v15). The Spirit guides us to ecological conversion and a deeper understanding of our cosmic family. We must change our mindsets, embrace righteousness, and teach these values to future generations. The Spirit-inspired outcome must be something greater and truly transformative—we are not merely seeking to restore the conditions that led to conflict in the first place.
- Peace with Creation requires proactive steps. Jesus taught repentance and restorative justice. We must repair broken relationships: between humans and Earth, humans and other creatures, and humans and God.
- “The effect of righteousness will be peace” (v17). While the challenges may seem overwhelming, Christ reminds us, “With God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). Hope fuels action; through prayer, discernment, and commitment, we can create a foundation for change.
- God’s peace emerges when we work for justice, solidarity, reconciliation, and harmony with Creation. Transformation takes patience, understanding, and trust.
- Action can include advocacy, sustainability projects, cleaning campaigns, or education to show that caring for Creation is central to our faith. We must collaborate and build on diversity to achieve peace.
- “The wilderness will become a fruitful field” (v15). Peace processes, such as reforestation, river cleaning, or building wells, can unite even divided groups.

May the Spirit be poured upon us so we can work together for peace with Creation.

# SEASON OF CREATION 2025 SYMBOL



## *Garden of Peace*

Isaiah 32:14-18

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The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled *"Garden of Peace,"* it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

Let us remember that humanity was originally called to tend a garden. Through this year's Season of Creation, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace.

The white dove with an olive branch is a globally recognized symbol of peace. In the story of Noah, it also signifies new life after destruction.

*Note: This logo is not meant to diminish the unique value of desert ecosystems and their creatures, which are also part of God's creation. Furthermore, the desert holds a significant role in the Bible.*

You can access the symbol [here](#).

# SEASON OF CREATION 2025 PRAYER

## PEACE WITH CREATION

**Creator of all,**  
we praise you for the gift of life  
and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become—  
from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses  
have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.  
Fertile fields have become barren,  
forests lie desolate,  
oceans and rivers are polluted.  
Thriving communities have become places of suffering,  
and the earth cries out.

**Beloved Christ,**

who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts,  
stir us to compassionate action.  
Inspire us to work for the end of conflict,  
and for the full restoration of broken relationships—  
with you, with the ecumenical community,  
with the human family,  
and with all Creation.

**Prince of Peace,**

through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity  
with the woundedness of others,  
of creation, and of the world.  
Through your resurrection,  
make us people of hope—  
with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares  
and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family,  
to labor for your peace—  
a shalom where all your people  
may dwell in safety,  
and rest in quiet places.

Amen.



# ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

## Introduction

We encourage you to use this prayer service to mark the beginning and the end of the Season of Creation, at events that you host during the season, or to incorporate into your community's worship throughout the Season.

Hosting a prayer service is a meaningful and unifying way to celebrate the Season of Creation. This season provides a unique opportunity to connect with Christians from different denominations and traditions. Contact clergy or justice coordinators from other local Christian communities to invite them to collaborate in co-hosting a prayer service. Share a link to the Season of Creation website <http://seasonofcreation.org/> and other information about the season to provide context and encourage participation.

In light of this year's theme, consider intentionally involving groups and individuals engaged in social justice, peace-building, and environmental advocacy. Their perspectives and contributions can enrich the prayer service and emphasize the need for collective action in caring for our common home. You may also consider organizing a donation collection to support a related cause.

Encourage all participating communities to actively promote the event through social media, print, and online platforms to ensure broad engagement and a diverse, dynamic gathering. Sample promotional materials and other useful resources are available on the official website <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>.

For the service itself, appoint a team of clergy and lay people from participating churches to lead the prayers and reflections, fostering a truly ecumenical spirit.

As you plan your service, consider showing both examples of the beauty of Creation and examples of damage caused by human conflicts with Creation (pollution, overexploitation, mutation, etc.). Such examples could represent this year's symbol "Peace with Creation", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18, and your community's intention To act for justice and make peace with Creation.

You may also wish to decorate the space with natural items that represent the diverse destruction or pollution to land or water or biodiversity and other "peoples" from the beloved community of Creation. You can find more concrete ideas in Addendum 1 on how to incorporate this year's symbol (page 41).

*Portions of the service read by one person (or leader) are in regular font, **congregational responses are in bold.***

## **Opening words**

*These opening words are a suggestion for an introduction to frame the celebration as part of this year's Season of Creation.*

Throughout history, many human activities have contributed to the destruction of Creation. Yet today, more than ever, some human activities take the form of a war against Creation. Some hold greater responsibility for this crisis—elite consumption, exploitative business models, and economic theories prioritizing profit over sustainability. Pollution, health crises, deforestation, and mining in conflict zones worsen the situation.

Yet there is hope for a peaceful Earth. Isaiah 32:14-18 envisions a peaceful Creation where God's people live only when justice is achieved. The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, God's righteousness lives in the fertile field (Isaiah 32:16). In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Hope is being able to see that there is light - despite all the darkness."

We hold our prayer service today as part of the ecumenical Season of Creation, a season of prayer and action for our common home that takes place every year from September 1 to October 4. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Peace with Creation", and the symbol is "The garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:18: "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest".

*A creation-themed hymn can be included here.*

## **Greeting and Call to Worship**

One: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things, who calls us to dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**All: We gather in gratitude for God's creation, longing for justice and peace to abide in the land.**

One: Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of righteousness, so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field and the fruitful field be deemed a forest.

**All: We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ, seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.**

One: Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, who is poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of Creation.

**All: We praise God, who revives the land and calls us to be peacemakers with all of Creation.**

One: The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

**All: God of justice and peace, we gather in Your presence, united with all living beings. We come in hope, in worship, and in commitment to live as caretakers of Your world.**

One: May our prayers rise like incense, and our worship be a song of love for all Creation.

**All: We thank the Lord for giving life to all Creation! We thank God for our neighbours' life, human and non-human alike.**

One: As we gather, we share the hope and the sufferings of our sisters and brothers in the whole Creation.

**All: In communion with the waves of the sea, with the waves of the trees, we recite Psalm 139:14 together: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We love you, God! Amen.**

*(adapted from WCC Ecumenical Centre's Morning Prayer, Geneva, Led by ACT)*

## **Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 148:1-13 (Bible reference: NRSVUE)

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;

**his glory is above earth and heaven.  
Praise the Lord!**

*A creation-themed hymn can be sung here.*

## **Introduction to the Confession**

All Creation is full of God's praise,  
and we are called to join in with joy,  
righteousness and peacefulness.

Yet as we look around us,  
we see conflict and destruction.

We acknowledge: We ourselves cause conflict and destruction, and often fail to walk the path of peace. Everywhere on the planet, humans cause great harm, even as we know that the scope of destruction varies, and that everywhere human beings are among the victims of our deep conflict with Creation.

All too often, we fail to live as we are called to live. We fail to be ambassadors of peace, righteousness and reconciliation.

Let us confess our sins. Let us come before the Triune God and as for forgiveness and renewal.

## **Prayer of Confession**

*(Led by two readers)*

*Creator God, God of the oceans,  
God of the land and all that is within it:  
You created this world with the power of your word.  
You formed humankind with your own hands,  
and breathed your own breath into us.  
You gave us these lands as a gift—  
a source of our identity and sustenance.  
You empowered us to be the guardians of what you have made.*

*Loving God,  
we have failed you and abused the gift you have given us.  
We have offended you and defiled what you have made.*

*Forgive us for betraying your trust.  
Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your oceans.  
Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures—  
on the land, in the sky, and in the depths.*

*Hear, O God of Compassion:  
The cries of the land—now a desert,  
laid barren through corrupt agricultural practices,  
pollution, mining, and deforestation.*

*The cries of the islands—drowning in rising seas,  
oceans swelling with melting ice.*

*The cries of distress from Mother Earth—  
storm and drought.*

*God of Life,*  
 heal your wounded Earth.  
 Empower us to choose the road that leads to life.  
 Guide us in the paths of righteousness, for your name's sake,  
 so that we may experience once again  
 your *Shalom* in the land and in the sea.

This we ask in the name of the one  
 who came that we may have life in abundance—  
 your Son, our Saviour, Jesus the Christ.

*Amen.*

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source: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/oceania>

## **Proclamation of Forgiveness**

May our God have mercy on us, forgive us our trespasses and give us new life.

Indeed, God has promised grace and forgiveness to us:

"My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." (Isaiah 32:18)

Let us rejoice and trust in our calling, live as we are called to live, reconciled with the Father, ambassadors for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Sing a hymn that praises God as Creator. If possible, find a (Gloria-)hymn that is shared by all participating traditions.*

## **Thanksgiving**

One: God of life, God of love, God of Creation. Thank You for all the wonderful, great and immense creatures that You created.

**All: We thank You that we have the opportunity to inhabit and enjoy the wonders of this world.**

One: Thank you for giving us forests that provide our air and give us the shade we need on hot days.

**All: Thank you for giving us the sun that shines brightly with its energy, as well as the rains to refresh and nourish the earth bringing a special scent.**

One: Thank you for giving us the fertile soil to provide us with food and sustenance for many animals.

**All: Allow us to recognize that the community of the earth is a democracy of life as a whole that is based on the living economies that are the local economies of those who work the land.**

One: Give us the strength to defend diversity in nature and in the culture of each place by putting the common good first, knowing that all beings have a natural right to their sustenance.

**All: Help us to value each species, people and culture, knowing that each has intrinsic value.**

One: Help us to walk in this world with faith and hope. Sustain us to protect and care for your creation, respectful of the resources it provides for us and aware of the finiteness of Creation.

**All: Give us the courage to fight for life and be resilient in the face of those who destroy Creation and those who profit from it for their own business.**

One: Thank you for each of our lives which we give to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Source: United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Argentina and Uruguay.  
Translation: Season of Creation.*

*A creation-themed hymn can be sung here.*

## **Readings of Scripture**

*A short silence for reflection can be held after each reading.*

### **First Reading – Isaiah 32:14-18 (NRSVUE)**

*Theme text of the Season of Creation 2025*

For the palace will be forsaken,  
the populous city deserted;  
the hill and the watchtower  
will become dens forever,  
the joy of wild asses,  
a pasture for flocks;

until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,  
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness  
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

The effect of righteousness will be peace,  
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,  
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

*Silent reflection*

### **Second Reading – Philippians 4:5-7 (NRSVUE)**

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Silent reflection*

### **Third Reading – John 14:15-17 (NRSVUE)**

Jesus said:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

*Silent reflection*

## Preaching or participatory Reflection

Reflection on Isaiah 32:14-18, on the theme “Peace with Creation”, and on the symbol.

*A Creation-themed hymn can be included after the Reflection.*

## Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Source: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988 ecumenical version  
of the Nicene Creed ([link](#))*

## Offering and offertory prayer

*You may want to have an offering, perhaps to collect money for a particular project or ministry that contributes to ecological restoration, or an aspect of climate justice, or you may want to showcase local plants, animals from your area as a way to raise awareness of the peace and rest your local habitats need.*

*A Creation-themed hymn can be included during the collection of the offering.*

## Intercessory Prayer

O Lord, our God, help us to call you in the communion of your Church with one heart and one soul, according to your will.

We pray for your created world. You created the universe and all that lives and exists in it. The earth is filled with your creations. You make the grass, plants, and fruit-bearing trees grow, you feed the birds of the sky, you care for all your creatures on Earth. Out of your love you created human beings, give us the strength to faithfully till and keep your created world according to your will.

For Jesus Christ we ask,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for humanity, for every community, and every person in it. Grant that we may treat our fellow human beings with respect: that we may accept all in their diversity, that we may support and uphold the human dignity of our neighbours. Give us a grateful heart, that we may see ourselves as part of the great and rich whole of which you have created humanity. Grant us understanding, responsible thinking, and valuable work.

For Jesus Christ we ask,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, that she may be a messenger of life and an agent of your love throughout the world. Instill courage in the hearts of those who follow you, that we may dare to proclaim hope to those who live in fear, encouragement to those who doubt, comfort to those who despair. Give your Church the strength of unity to proclaim your Gospel in word and deed as part of the world in crisis.

For Jesus Christ we ask,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the destitute, the oppressed and the vulnerable. We pray for our fellow human beings and for all fellow creatures affected by war, conflict, genocide, and ecocide. Serve justice to those who cry out to you, and to those who have no ability to cry out. Humble our hearts to relate to our fellow creatures in distress as true brothers and sisters. Give us the courage to act on behalf of those who silently endure injustice and guide our steps in the way of righteous and long-lasting peace. Act in our world your life-giving will.

We ask for Jesus Christ,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that the future of the world, of humanity, of the Church and of all people may be in your hands, and that we may live in true hope, justice, and peace for the sake of our living Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Source: Oratio Oecumenica; Zsuzsa Koltai, Ecumenical Working Group for Season of Creation, Hungary. Translation: Season of Creation.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray together.*

## **Conclusion and Benediction**

One: Let us give thanks and praise to the Most Holy and Glorious Trinity, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: It is right and just.**

One: Truly it is right and just to glorify you, bless you, praise you, adore you, and give you thanks, O Maker of all things, visible and invisible. The highest heavens and all its powers praise you; the sun, the moon, and all the stars; the earth, the seas, and all that is in them, the heavenly Jerusalem and the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven; the angels, archangels, and heavenly hosts all sing, praising your majestic glory with triumphant hymns, with never ending voices, and with acclamations.

**All: It is right and just.**

One: With them and with all Creation we cry out and proclaim:

**All (thrice): Holy God. Holy Mighty. Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us.**

One: Go in peace, brothers and sisters, live in peace with Creation...  
And may the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany you: The Father,  
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the one God, to whom be glory, for ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Source: Liturgy of the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church. Anaphora of  
Saint James, Brother of the Lord.*



# IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with God and all of Creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. This annual ecumenical season invites Christians to pray and act together for our common home.

Engaging with the Season of Creation early in the year allows for better preparation of initiatives held from September 1 to October 4 and encourages broader participation from local organizations and groups. However, while planning events, remember that they are not ends in themselves. Instead, we should focus on fostering meaningful encounters, ongoing processes, and deep listening. This approach strengthens our ecumenical commitment to caring for Creation, aligning with our role as caretakers.

There are many ways to celebrate the season. The ecumenical Season of Creation network has provided several suggestions, which you'll find below. For more ideas, visit [SeasonofCreation.org](https://SeasonofCreation.org).

## Special moments to celebrate the season locally

Two highly symbolic dates open and close the Season of Creation, making them particularly special to organize local celebrations.

- September 1 is a privileged moment to thank and praise God as Creator, as it symbolizes the mystery of God's creation of the world. Several Christian denominations celebrate the day as a World Day of Prayer for Creation and it is celebrated by some as the Feast of Creation, grounded in an ancient tradition of the Eastern Church. This day is the original and central inspiration of the Season of Creation, which then extended the celebration to last one month.
- October 4 is the feast of Francis of Assisi, beloved by many Christian denominations as the patron saint of ecology. This year, 2025, marks the 800th anniversary of his iconic "Canticle of the Creatures", making it another good reason to celebrate this feast.

It would be wonderful if you could host multiple initiatives throughout the season. The entire season is a good moment to host an event, so do not feel limited by September 1 or October 4!

Find below some ideas to consider

## Host a Eucharistic celebration

### Preparing for the Celebration

- Before you begin, read an excerpt from a message from church leadership (such as the annual Creation Day messages from the [Ecumenical Patriarch](#) or the [Pope](#)) or any other document from your confessional tradition. This will help to contextualize the significance of the day.

### Suggestions for the Liturgy

- **Penitence:** During the Penitential Act (Prayer of Confession), express lament for the environmental damages and repentance for our sins against God's Creation. Images or pictures can be shown.
- **Silence:** If outdoors, include moments of silence to listen to the "hymns of praise" of other creatures.
- **Symbols:** Bring Creation into the celebration by including symbols from nature to be taken to the altar alongside bread and wine as part of the offertory (eg branches, fruit)
- **Sermon:** Encourage your priest or pastor to include references to the care for Creation and the mystery of God as Creator in the homily; sermon notes in English based on the Revised Common Lectionary can be found [here](#).
- **Prayers:** During the intercessory prayers (also known as Prayers of the Faithful), include prayer intentions referring to the care for Creation.
- **Visuals:** Work with children or youth to set up an artistic "Creation Scene" symbolizing God's creation of the world, as an opportunity to teach about this important theme; consider placing it in a visible place in or near the church.
- **Nature sounds:** Nature Sounds in Worship: Consider playing sounds of nature (e.g. bird song) instead of singing as you come to receive communion.
- **Drama and dance:** the young people could prepare a drama or liturgical dance on the theme.

## Hold Some of Your Activities Outdoors

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you."*

—Job 12:7-8

To fully celebrate God's Creation, consider worshipping outside. Creation itself worships God—mountains, rivers, trees, and all creatures glorify the Lord simply by living as they were created to. Worshipping amidst nature allows us to join in this continuous praise.

### Ideas for Outdoor Activities

- **Contemplative Walk or Pilgrimage:** Organize a reflective walk to deepen communion with all life. Your destination could be:
  - » A site of natural beauty, focusing on gratitude and a commitment to its protection.
  - » A place of environmental degradation, centering on lament, confession, and a call to restoration.
- **Engage Keepers of Nature:** Visit a local nature reserve or protected wildlife area. Invite park rangers, wildfire response teams, farmers, foresters, shepherds, beekeepers, or scouting groups to share their experiences and insights.
- **Include Justice and Reconciliation Groups:** Invite Christian organizations focused on justice, peace, and reconciliation to participate and contribute to reflection.
- **Moments of Silence:** Pause to listen to Creation's song and join in its worship without words.
- **Scripture and Prayer Walks:** Form a group to study ecologically-themed Scriptures or pray creation-centered prayers while walking in nature.
- **Outdoor Worship:** Depending on your tradition and the weather, consider holding a prayer service or outdoor Eucharist.
- **Via Creationis:** Pray the ecumenical Via Creationis ("Way of Creation"), a communal prayer that blends the mystery of Genesis with insights from science, echoing the form of the Via Crucis.

### Coordinate Local Education and Sustainability Activities

*"Ecology cannot inspire respect for nature if it does not express a different worldview from the one that prevails in our culture today... What is required is an act of repentance, a change in our established ways, a renewed image of ourselves, one another, and the world around us within the perspective of the divine design for creation."*

—His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Promote sustainable lifestyles through education, awareness, and practical action. These efforts help us reflect on how we live and consume, recognize the effects of consumerism, and encourage meaningful change.

### Examples of Action:

- Local clean-ups
- Tree planting for reforestation and biodiversity
- Recycling initiatives
- Community/parish gardens for sustainable food practices
- Organize environmental marches or campaigns
- Host film screenings or public dialogues
- Run essay or drawing competitions for children and youth
- Organize concerts or art performances celebrating Creation
- Bible studies on Creation care passages
- Community walk-throughs with reflections on greening efforts
- Dedicate a public space as a **"Garden of Peace"** with a commemorative plaque
- Pray the **Vespers service** (available in English) for September: <https://www.creationjustice.org/vespers.html>
- Hold an art or poetry exhibition themed around peace with Creation

### Youth and Children's Activities

- Create and present dove drawings with olive branches
- Host a dialogue workshop on peace-building with Creation
- Plan **Ecumenical Friday Night Youth Gatherings** focused on Creation Care
- Organize an **eco-camp** with eco-education sessions

*For more ideas, see Addendum 1 (page 41)*

Visit the Season of Creation website for spiritual and liturgical materials, including resources tailored to various denominations.

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

### Incorporate the Symbol in Your Events

"The world is in crisis, and our ministry and service are ever more needed as we seek justice, unity, peace, and reconciliation."

—Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay, World Council of Churches

## Creative Activities

Explore craft and activity ideas using the dove with olive branch and the Garden of Peace symbol to enhance your Season of Creation journey. These can be found in Addendum (p. 19).

This year's symbol—a dove carrying an olive branch, bringing life to the Garden of Peace—invites us to reflect on the interconnectedness of caring for our common home, solidarity, and peace.

You are encouraged to download:

The official **Season of Creation logo**



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

This year's **symbol**

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



**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## Share your experience

### Photos and Videos:

- Capture moments of your community in action to inspire others worldwide to pray and act for Creation.

### Guidelines for Sharing:

- Obtain consent before sharing photos of individuals.
- Avoid close-ups of children unless you have parental/guardian permission.
- Use the hashtag #SeasonOfCreation, and your photos will appear on [SeasonOfCreation.org](https://SeasonOfCreation.org).

### Social Media and Blogs:

- Post images and stories during planning and celebrations, tagging them with #SeasonOfCreation to feature on the official website.
- Follow & interact with the official Season of Creation channels on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and share your experiences. Don't forget to also subscribe to the Season of Creation [YouTube](#) channel.
- Write a blog post about your community's celebration and include #SeasonOfCreation to make it easily discoverable.

**By sharing your experiences, you inspire others to care for our common home!**

# ADVOCACY

## Debt into Hope

### Introduction

This Season of Creation, Christians worldwide will be prophetically calling on leaders to take action on the global debt crisis.

The costs of climate breakdown and government debt in low-income countries are colliding to trap millions of people in poverty and crisis worldwide. We call for action on the injustice which sees money currently going from poor countries to rich lenders in the form of debt repayments, and we seek justice in the form of preventing future indebtedness and making more money available to vulnerable communities facing the worst impacts of climate change.

These activity guidelines provide you and your community with tools to understand better the colliding debt and climate crises, and how you can take action. It includes:

1. an overview of debt and climate finance key talking points,
2. action ideas and
3. resources for taking action.

More advocacy resources will be continually uploaded to the [Season of Creation website](#), so check back regularly for new ideas and inspiration.

## An Overview

### What's gone wrong?

Unsustainable debt has been inflicting immense suffering upon people in poor and climate vulnerable countries for far too long. The worst global debt crisis in a generation is preventing countries from meeting the basic needs of their citizens. In the poorest and most vulnerable countries, interest payments on external debt have quadrupled since 2013, hitting an all-time high of US\$34.6 billion in 2023. Whilst the costs of servicing public debt mount, vital areas are consequently drastically underfunded.

The debt crisis and the climate crisis are closely related and mutually reinforcing. The debt crisis forces countries to reduce public spending, including spending on proactive climate action, leaving poorer nations unable to prepare for the new reality of rising seas, flooding, growing deserts, and stronger storms. Countries need to borrow more money to rebuild after extreme weather events, leading to even greater debt. So instead of developing resilience to the climate crisis poorer nations are trapped in endless cycles of debt to the richer countries that have caused the crisis. Many are turning to intensified extraction of natural resources – including fossil fuels - to service these debts. To make things worse, 70 percent of the climate finance provided by rich countries until today has been provided in the form of loans, further adding to unsustainable debt burdens.

Debt is a structural issue baked into our current economic system, rather than the widespread fault of the debtors. The global economic system is sinful and oppressive, delivering extreme wealth for the few and poverty for the many. Industrialised countries have historically burnt the lion's share of fossil fuels and through the industrial revolution have expanded their use across the world. The industrial revolution itself was powered by black and brown communities who were exploited through colonisation and slavery, and natural resources were removed from colonised countries to rich countries. At the point of independence, many countries who had been colonised were left in debt by former colonial powers. Rich countries also created an unjust financial system that stacked the odds against poor countries, creating a cycle of debt and allowing lenders to prey on poor countries.

### **What are we calling for?**

2025 is the 25th anniversary of the Jubilee Debt Campaign, inspired by the liberative values of jubilee. The biblical concept of Jubilee seeks to break the perpetuation of oppression. It aims to reset, repair and restore relationships between people, and between people and their environment. Peace with each other, and peace with creation. These are relationships which today have been broken by unsustainable debt, but we are united in hope that reparative justice is possible for indebted and climate-affected countries.

1. Debt relief for low income countries, without economic conditions.
2. A fairer global debt system in which the build-up of unsustainable sovereign debt in the global South is prevented in the first place.
3. Adequate climate finance accessible to vulnerable communities, and as grants not loans.

## Take action

### Prayer for wisdom and justice in addressing external debt

Loving and Gracious God,

Help us understand that we have the power and the duty to act against the injustices that bind people in poverty and debt.

Grant us the courage to challenge the structures that perpetuate these conditions, and the strength to work tirelessly for a world where every person can achieve their full potential.

Inspire our hearts with Your compassion and justice. Empower us to be bearers of hope and agents of change. Together, may we help bring forth solutions rooted in fairness and equity; economic systems that uplift and create hope for the downtrodden; and a future where every nation can walk the path of sustainable development, free from the shackles of debt.

May we be instruments of Your peace, secure in the faith that, through our collective effort, poverty can be overcome.

Amen.

- Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Zambia (*Caritas Internationalis*)

1. Encourage your local worshipping community to host an event to learn and pray together about debt and climate.
2. Explore the work your own community is doing in addressing debt and climate change, and commit individually or as a church to support local initiatives to care for creation and encourage economic justice.

There are also many ways you can individually or corporately engage in actions that go beyond the local. Here are some suggestions. **All the following actions are taken from the 'Turn debt into hope' campaign pack which can be downloaded from this [website](#)** provided by Caritas Internationalis, the resources to support each action are contained in the pack.

3. Sign on to the petition, become part of a global call to turn debt into hope: <https://turndebtintohope.caritas.org/>
4. Share a social media post
5. Adapt and send a letter to a policy maker about debt relief
6. Organise a bible study

# ABOUT THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation unites the global Christian family around one shared purpose. It also provides flexibility in celebrating prayer services and engaging in a variety of actions to care for Creation.

## History

September 1 was proclaimed as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Eastern Orthodox Church by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I [in 1989](#). It was embraced by other major Christian European churches through the European Christian Environmental Network [in 2006](#). Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Roman Catholic Church [in 2015](#), and [in 2019](#) he encouraged the faithful to celebrate the ecumenical Season of Creation. In recent years, many Christian churches have begun celebrating the "Season of Creation" (also known as Creation Time) between September 1 and October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis that is observed by some Western traditions. Saint Francis is the author of the *Canticle of the Creatures*, and Pope John Paul II declared him the Catholic patron saint of those who care for ecology (*oecologiae cultorum*). The world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for Creation during this time.

Several statements from the past few years have called the faithful to observe this month-long season, such as those of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines [in 2003](#), the Third European Ecumenical Assembly in Sibiu [in 2007](#), and the World Council of Churches in 2008. The Anglican Communion passed a resolution [in 2012](#).

## Global calendar of events

While each Christian community around the world celebrates the Season of Creation in its own way, a few events present opportunities to bring all communities together. You can access them through the global calendar of events on the [Season of Creation website](#) - we recommend you check it regularly, as details for each event will be updated with time.

### September 1: Online prayer service for the Opening of the Season

Globally, Christians are invited to join an online prayer service to come together in a joyful celebration of our common cause. Save the date at 15.00 CET (Central European Time). More information is available at [SeasonOfCreation.org](#) and on social media.

### October 4: Saint Francis Day

The faithful around the world will come together in an online event prepared by the Season of Creation Ecumenical Youth Committee to celebrate our month-long journey together. You will find information about the event on the [Season of Creation website](#) and social media. It will take place at 15:00 CET (Central European Time).

# THE SEASON OF CREATION ADVISORY AND STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee provides the resources to celebrate the season and it is comprised of the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Laudato Si' Movement, Anglican Communion Environmental Network, the Lausanne / World Evangelical Alliance/ Creation Care Network (LWCCN) the World Communion of Reformed Churches, the Middle East Council of Churches, the European Christian Environmental Network, ACT Alliance, A Rocha International, World Methodist Council, and Christian Aid.

As an ecumenical network, we are inspired by the urgent call from Pope Francis' Laudato Si', "for a new dialogue on how we are shaping the future of our planet" and "we require a new and universal solidarity" where the most vulnerable are supported and to enable them to live in dignity. We invite you to join us in these efforts.

We are also extremely grateful for the work of the Season of Creation Advisory Committee who provide invaluable guidance.

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# ADDENDUM 1: HOW TO INCORPORATE THE SYMBOL IN YOUR EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

## Activities

- **Introducing the Theme and Symbol- planning meeting**

Organize an event to introduce this year's Season of Creation theme and plan for the Season of Creation activities. Start with an explanation of the text from Isaiah, and present the symbol. Then facilitate an open dialogue or small group discussions. Encourage participants to share their reflections on the theme and symbol, as well as ideas for activities they would like to organize during the Season.

- **Exploring Connections**

Research and discuss the links between environmental degradation and violence or conflict on one hand, and the relationship between ecological restoration, justice, and peace on the other. Consider both global and local perspectives to identify relevant connections.

- **Creative reflection on Isaiah 32:14-18**

Organize an activity where participants create a short drama based on Isaiah 32:14-18. Encourage them to explore different ways of portraying the transition from desolation (Isaiah 32:14) to restoration and peace (Isaiah 32:16-18).

- **Commemorating Witnesses of Faith and Justice**

As you use the Season of Creation Celebration Guide, organize a prayer moment to honour those who have defended our common home and the most vulnerable. This could include recalling ancestors of faith, indigenous peoples, faith leaders, and others dedicated to socio-environmental justice.

- **Checking on Past Planting Initiatives**

If saplings or local seeds were planted during the 2024 Season of Creation take time to assess their growth and reflect on lessons learned. Share insights and experiences with the community.

- **Planting Seeds in Degraded Areas**

Inspired by the season's symbol of transition from desert to abundance, consider distributing seeds for herbs, vegetables, or fruits. Encourage planting in degraded or deteriorated areas to promote environmental restoration.

- **Creating a Community Garden**

Identify a suitable location in your community that could be transformed into a garden—such as a municipal park, parish or congregation land, a former industrial site, or an abandoned lot. If a viable space is found, gather stakeholders (families, local NGOs, landowners, schools, clergy, and experts in gardening/agriculture) to plan the establishment of a community or shared garden. This initiative can benefit both the local community and biodiversity.

## Crafts

**The garden:** People of all ages—such as groups of adults, youth, and children—can be provided with art materials to create their own interpretation of Isaiah's "quiet resting place" or "peaceful habitation" (Isaiah 32:18). This artwork can reflect the harmony we experience when we live in unity with our loving Father, one another, and all of creation.

**The dove:** Alternatively, invite the children and youth in your community to create a small model, drawing, or painting inspired by the symbol of the dove. For inspiration, refer to the following images:



[\(Image source\)](#)

These doves can be used to decorate the interior of your church or displayed outdoors in a garden, field, or forest during gatherings.



[\(Image Source\)](#)



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