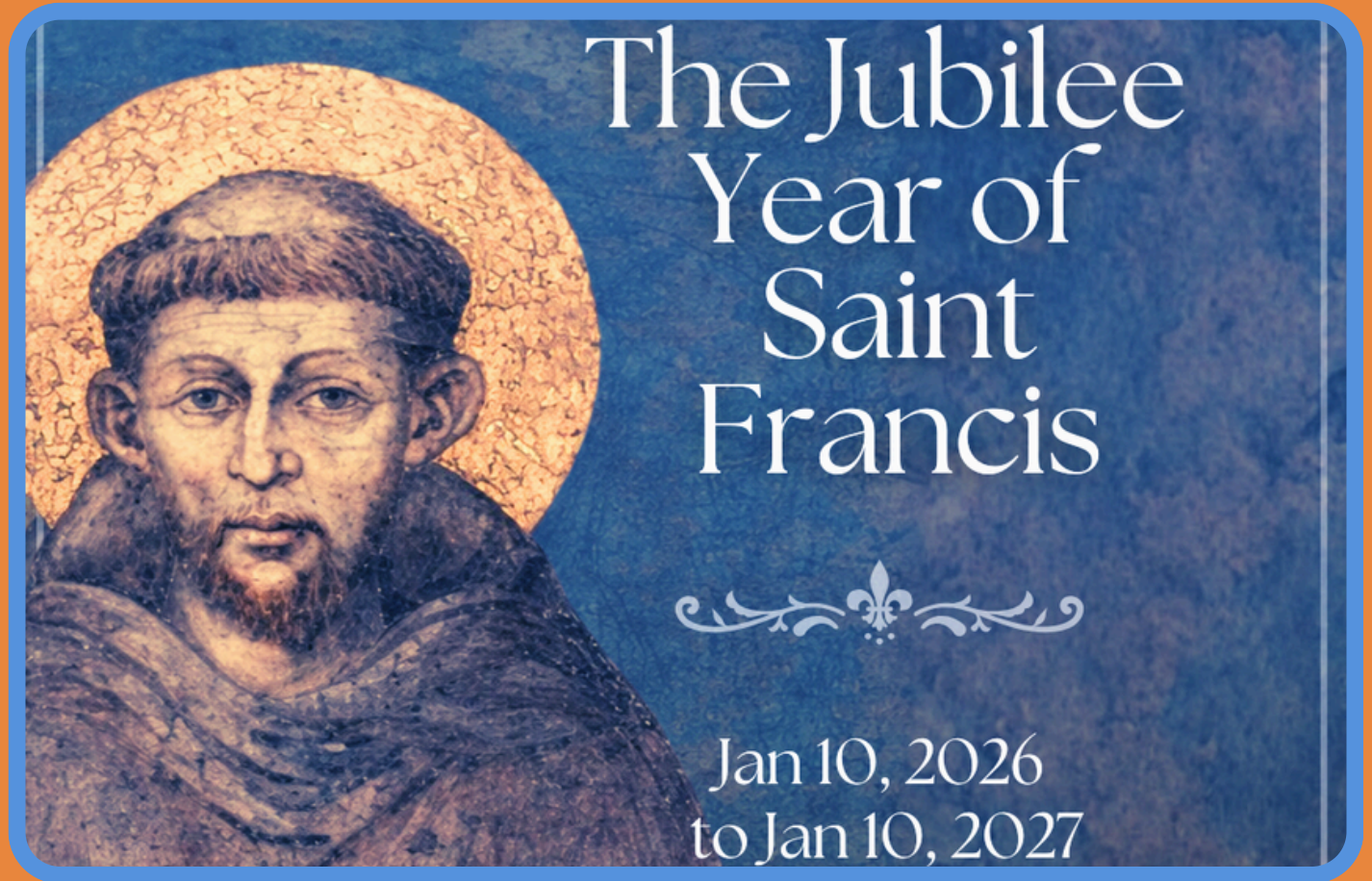


CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST. FRANCIS CREATION



As part of this yearlong celebration and lead-up to the Transitus, TSSF Creation Justice Peace is offering 3 months of daily reflections focusing on Justice, Peace, and Creation.

This booklet contains daily prayers and actions that are designed to both feed and challenge you. We will also host an online meeting for sharing and a Virtual Pilgrimage.

Please register by emailing ecrutherford@juno.com to receive the links.

We hope this will bring you much Joy as we celebrate 800 years of St. Francis' vision!



This booklet is also available in Spanish and Portuguese
at TSSF.org/creation-justice-peace-cjp

Collated by TSSF Creation Justice Peace

Prayers taken from *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*,
The Anglican Diocese of Toronto and *Collects during the Season of Creation*

Actions inspired by *Love God, Love God's World*, a curriculum of The Episcopal Church and
EcoAmerica's Climate Action Sheets

September 2026

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**Mondays:
September 14, 21, 28
7:00-8:30pm ET**

As part of the Season of Creation, this virtual pilgrimage will offer members of the TSSF community a contemplative and action-oriented experience rooted in local ecosystems. Through prayer, reflection, and shared storytelling, participants will deepen their connection to creation and reflect on meaningful ecological responses. Reminders and registration information included in this booklet, Days 14, 21, and 28.

AGENDA

Advance homework:

- Seek out a location in your own area which has suffered from environmental damage and visit it with the intention of learning about ways it has been damaged and why.
- Offer a prayer (many creation care prayers can be found in the Creation booklet.)
- Take a photograph or two of the location and e-mail it to Karen Allan-Thomas at akthoma1@gmail.com.

Session 1 (September 14):

- Introductions
- Explanation of pilgrimage and the process of this practice
- Participants will share an explanation of the photograph and their experience of the first pilgrimage site.
- Homework for Session 2 – Visit a location in your area where action is being taken to restore a degraded site.
- Take time in contemplative prayer to be present to the process of restoration.
- Offer a prayer.
- Take a photograph or two of the location and e-mail to Karen at akthoma1@gmail.com.

Session 2 (September 21):

- A short talk about Restorative actions (ex: Less Lawn, More Life)
- Participants will share their experience of pilgrimage to the restoration site along with a photograph.
- Homework for Session 3 – Seek a Location in your area that offers Hope for Creation.
- Take time in prayer and contemplation for Hope for Mother Earth.
- Offer a prayer of Hope for Creation.
- Take a photograph or two of the location and e-mail to Karen at akthoma1@gmail.com.

Session 3 (September 28):

- Discussion about Hope
- Participants will share their experience of pilgrimage to a site of hope along with a photograph.
- Closing discussion of the experience of pilgrimage with closing prayer.



SEPTEMBER 1

RESTORING NATURE = RESTORING OURSELVES

Prayer:

Christ in all things
restore our senses
and give us again
that experience of joy
in all created things.

Christ in all things:
in the waves breaking on the shore;
in the beauty of the sunset;
in the fragrant blossom of Spring;
in the music that makes our hearts dance;
in the kisses of embracing love;
in the cries of the innocent.

Amen.

Action:

Reconnect with nature: take a walk and notice the sights, sounds, and smells of nature. We are happier and healthier when we spend time in nature.

Take a Step Beyond:

Notice the news this week. Keep a log of the stories related to environment and climate change, taking special note of which ones are most compelling and stirring for you.

SEPTEMBER 2

RESTORING NATURE = RESTORING OURSELVES (continued)

Prayer:

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;

Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all
things for good, to the honor of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Action:

Get a water bottle (preferably glass or metal.) Plastics are made
from fossil fuels and do not degrade. They can end up in our
waterways and show up in our bodies as microplastics.

Take a Step Beyond:

Urge your local government to support curbside recycling and
composting.

SEPTEMBER 3

RESTORING NATURE = RESTORING OURSELVES (continued)

Prayer:

Yours the seed,
yours the growth;

yours the water,
yours the thirst;

yours the wild,
yours the tame.

You are within me, O God,
and within all creation— and you are beyond.

Shape and fill me this day and all creation with your grace.
Amen.

Action:

Start a compost pile and reduce pollution and food waste. Composting returns valuable organic matter and carbon to the earth to build healthier, more resilient ecosystems.

Take a Step Beyond:

Go through the photos in your phone, in a photo album, or throughout your home. Identify at least one photo of a natural place or animal that—for you—has communicated the love and presence of God. Recall the story of your encounter with this place or creature.

SEPTEMBER 4

RESTORING NATURE = RESTORING OURSELVES
(continued)

Prayer:

Set me free, O God,
to go off with you today on one wild, specific tangent after
another, immersed and amazed in the wonder and even terror of
your immense creative beauty.
Amen.

Action:

Plant plants native to your region in your yard or in a pot to
support pollinators, the insects that have co-evolved with them,
and the local ecosystem.

Take a Step Beyond:

Shifting from a grass lawn to native plants reduces use of water,
fertilizers, pesticides, and maintenance. Their deep roots control
erosion, absorb stormwater runoff, and filter out pollutants. They
restore the ecosystem by supporting pollinators and wildlife with
food and shelter. Here's [a video](#) of someone who converted lawn
into a pollinator garden.

SEPTEMBER 5

RESTORING NATURE = RESTORING OURSELVES (continued)

Prayer:

Star-flinging Spirit,
you stop, stoop, kneel,
and embrace everyone
and everything in need
of your love and care.

May I join you today in
caring for your creation,
embracing my role
within the family of life.

Action:

Consider leaving the leaves on at least part of your property. Decomposing leaves create natural mulch and improve soil health. They also provide essential habitats for overwintering insects and other small creatures, which in turn benefit birds and other wildlife.

Take a Step Beyond:

Remove some invasive plants on your property. Non-native plants do not support the food web, and when they become invasive, they outcompete native plants and destroy local ecosystems.

SEPTEMBER 6

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME

Prayer:

Set me free, O God,
from my empire-prison of human self-importance.

Help me to serve you and your creation
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.
Amen.

Action:

Conserve energy by adjusting your thermostat, using a drying rack or clothes line instead of the dryer, turning off the lights when you leave the room, and using cold water in your washing machine.

Take a Step Beyond:

A typical home wastes up to 40% of the energy it consumes through lighting, heating and cooling unused rooms, poor insulation, or wasteful habits. Consider having a home energy audit by your energy company.

SEPTEMBER 7

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME (continued)

Prayer:

Grant us, O God,
the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost,
bearing our cross and releasing our possessions,
for the liberation and healing of your world;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Action:

Travel wisely: if walking or biking isn't possible, combine errands in one trip.

Take a Step Beyond:

Share your creation care efforts with your worship community, colleagues, friends, and neighbors to multiply the results.

SEPTEMBER 8

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME (continued)

Prayer:

Creator God,
we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth, yet,
we acknowledge that we in the developed world,
have often wasted the gifts of the earth,
taking more than our share,
leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and
need.

Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth,
so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us,
but generations to come after us.

Amen.

Action:

Recycle glass and cardboard (and whatever else you are allowed
to in your area).

Take a Step Beyond:

Learn about how consumerism and post-industrial human
habits have contributed to climate crisis. Check out [The
Problem with Consumerism](#).

SEPTEMBER 9

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME (continued)

Prayer:

Shine in our darkness, O God,
as the moon brightens the way for mortals and animals.
As day turns into night,
turn away from us all evil and harm with the power of your Son,
Jesus Christ.
A strong savior is he,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Action:

Eliminate waste by switching to paperless billing.

Take a Step Beyond:

Transition your spending and financial investments towards ecological and ethical companies and industries.

SEPTEMBER 10

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME (continued)

Prayer:

We give you thanks
because earth's life and fruitfulness flow from you.
And all times and seasons reflect your laws.
We give you thanks because you
created the world in love.
You redeemed the world through love.
You maintain the world by your love.
Help us to give our love.
Amen.

Action:

Buy food in bulk to reduce packaging waste.

Take a Step Beyond:

Change to LED lights, motion sensors and timers for lighting,
and shades near bright windows.

SEPTEMBER 11

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HOME (continued))

Prayer:

Help me, dear God,
to see my brother with the eyes of Christ,
to hear my sister with the ears of Christ,
to taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ,
to smell creation's beauty with the nose of Christ,
to touch the world's pain with the hands of Christ
and to love life, each life, every life, with the heart of Christ.
Amen.

Action:

Reduce your own pollution by avoiding single-use plastics. Buy sustainable, recyclable products.

Take a Step Beyond:

Support local conservation efforts: connect with organizations to find how you can help with projects like community gardens, tree-planting, smarter irrigation, and urban greening efforts.

SEPTEMBER 12

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Prayer:

Erase all the lines, O God,
that I have drawn in my mind to separate the life that is “not-me”
from the life that is “me.”

Enlarge the boundaries of my heart
to include soil and water, air and animals, friend and stranger—
all that, in Christ, you’ve called me to love and nourish.
Amen.

Action:

Inform yourself about recycling practices in your community and
follow the rules.

Take a Step Beyond:

Organize a service, ceremony, or ritual that provides space and
opportunity for your community to reflect on the impact of
climate change, to lament and repent together, and to commit
to change that will honor God’s call for us to care for and be in
relationship with all of creation.

SEPTEMBER 13

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Action:

Pick up any litter that you see today.

Take a Step Beyond:

Adopt a piece of creation or a local habitat (e.g., birds, wetlands, gardens) to specialize in and protect.

SEPTEMBER 14

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

O God,
having shown us how far your love goes
in saving the lost and forgotten,
mercifully grant that we might join you
in the work of reuniting with all creatures;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Action:

Use recyclable shopping bags.

Virtual Pilgrimage today:

Contact Ellen Rutherford at ecrutherford@juno.com for the Zoom Link.

September 14, 21, and 28. 7:00-9:30 PM Eastern Time

SEPTEMBER 15

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

Into your arms, loving Lord, let me “freefall,”
upheld by your goodness and mercy.
Secure in your embrace, show me how to love without effort,
trust without fear, and live with abandon.
Amen.

Action:

Travel wisely by walking, bicycling, carpooling, or taking public transportation.

Take a Step Beyond:

Advocate for greenways that are accessible to all neighborhoods in your community.

SEPTEMBER 16

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

Lord Jesus,
may I trust the faithfulness of your Father who feathers and feeds
the birds.

In the people I meet, the places I go, the food that I eat,
help me to see and hear, taste and touch the abundance of your
grace within the landscape of your love.

Set me free from anxiety and the burden of excess so that I may
share with others the gifts I have received.

Amen.

Action:

Join with friends and neighbors to share equipment used
infrequently – garden tools, construction tools, kitchen gadgets.

Online sharing today:

7:00-8:30 PM Eastern Time

Contact Gordon Kubank at gordonjkubanek@gmail.com for the
Zoom Link.

Join us at an online meeting this evening.

Come with images of nature (your own photos or original
artwork.) They can depict beauty and/or harm. We will share with
each other to inspire hope or so our hope can flow from reality.

SEPTEMBER 17

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

Lord, you love life;
we owe our existence to you.
Give us reverence for life and love for every creature.
Sharpen our senses so that we shall recognize the beauty
and also the longing of your creation,
and, as befits your children, treat our fellow creatures of the animal
and plant kingdoms with love as our brothers and sisters,
in readiness for your great day, when you will make all things new.
Amen.

Action:

Shop at yard sales and thrift stores where possible.

Take a Step Beyond:

Raise your awareness of how and why land-based environmental issues are intertwined with Indigenous identity, culture, and spirituality.

SEPTEMBER 18

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends the animals,
especially for animals who are suffering;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put to death.
We entreat for them all your mercy and pity
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us ourselves to be true friends to animals
and so to share the blessing of the merciful.
Amen.

Action:

Start or support a book exchange at your local parish or community center.

Take a Step Beyond:

Becoming informed and helpful allies to Indigenous communities requires a long-term and intergenerational commitment to relationships and partnerships with Indigenous communities in ways that ask allies to follow Indigenous leadership on tackling Indigenous social and environmental justice concerns.

To learn more about meaningful ways to be an ally to Indigenous peoples, review this resource developed by [Greenpeace](#).

SEPTEMBER 19

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY (continued)

Prayer:

Blessed are you,
God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us to
new dangers and opportunities.
Guide us in your holy creation, to walk through this world,
watching and learning, loving and trusting,
until the coming of your reign
Amen.

Action:

Shop at a local growers' or farmers' market.

Take a Step Beyond:

Visit a site that is open to the public which has been impacted by environmental degradation or climate catastrophe. Be present in this space, be attentive to evidence of loss, and reflect on what emotions arise. Offer a prayer for restoration and healing: for yourself, for this place, and for the Earth.

SEPTEMBER 20

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HEALTH

Prayer:

Each day, every moment,
you place your hand of blessing upon the brow of creation.
In your touch, in your words,
everything flowers,
everything remembers the deep, perfect loveliness within.
The deep, perfect loveliness of you.
Amen.

Action:

Eat a plant-based diet today.

Take a Step Beyond:

Food grown without pesticides keeps our soil, waterways, and bodies healthy and helps our crops to maintain vital nutrients. Buy organic produce when possible.

SEPTEMBER 21

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HEALTH (continued)

Prayer:

God whom we love,
we stand before you with open and humble hearts.
In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel
the beautiful expressions of the earth,
that speak to each of us -
Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans, forest, meadows, trees, flowers.
Amen.

Action:

Use fewer chemicals: switch to natural household cleaners
and natural body/beauty products.

Virtual Pilgrimage today:

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Zoom Link.

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SEPTEMBER 22

CREATION CARE FOR YOUR HEALTH (continued)

Prayer:

Untamed Spirit:
Rough up my conventional values
with the wildness of your love and creativity.
Help me to let go of my need to predict and control
and let me enter the unmapped regions of your grace.
Amen.

Action:

Eat lower on the food chain - reduce intake of meat, dairy, and fish. Avoid prepackaged food.

Take a Step Beyond:

Choosing foods thoughtfully and eating prayerfully connects us to the Divine, to each other, and to all creation. What and how we eat is an act of faith.

SEPTEMBER 23

CREATION CARE FOR OUR OCEANS & WATERWAYS

Prayer:

Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for everything that you have made.

Give us the grace to perceive
that we are connected to everything that is.

Amen.

Action:

Protect all our waterways by limiting use of chemicals on lawns
and gardens. Look for alternatives to conventional herbicides
and pesticides.

Take a Step Beyond:

A healthy ocean is humankind's most effective ally against
climate change because it absorbs the majority of the excess
heat generated by pollution, distributing the heat through ocean
currents to help stabilize the climate.

Talk about and advocate for the ocean in your congregation and
your community, on social media, and in letters to elected
officials.

SEPTEMBER 24

CREATION CARE FOR OUR OCEANS & WATERWAYS (continued)

Prayer:

Creator God,
You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its
resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony
with one another.
Amen.

Action:

Take a shorter shower to conserve water.

Take a Step Beyond:

The work of caring for creation is connected to our baptismal covenant. By activating our faith in God through the baptismal covenant, we affirm that water is not only a resource for human consumption but is the sacred bond that links all of creation. As disciples of Christ, we are called to be water stewards.

SEPTEMBER 25

CREATION CARE FOR OUR OCEANS & WATERWAYS (continued)

Prayer:

Lord, speak to us through the beauty of the earth:
from the rising of the sun till dusk
and the moon and the stars at night,
your beauty is there for all to see.
Amen.

Action:

Conserve water by turning off the water when washing each dish and/or brushing your teeth.

Take a Step Beyond:

Enjoy the ocean and waterways responsibly by cleaning up trash, respecting wildlife and signage, and purchasing fish that are sustainably caught or harvested.

SEPTEMBER 26

CREATION CARE FOR OUR OCEANS & WATERWAYS (continued)

Prayer:

Grant us, Creator God,
to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others;
so that we might hold fast to the love that endures;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Action:

Visit a coastal community to learn more about care for the ocean.

Take a Step Beyond:

Learn what a watershed is and what the health of your local watershed is. The health of our waterways impacts individual and community health. Participate in a local watershed cleanup or habitat restoration project.

SEPTEMBER 27

CREATION CARE ADVOCACY

Prayer:

Praise to you, our God and Creator!
Your creativity is matched by your compassion!
Today is a new day in the life of creation.
Let me see and hear, taste, touch, and smell the thrill of your grace
the pulse of the Spirit in and through all creation.
Amen.

Action:

Find out who represents you at a local, state, and federal level.
Take a moment to learn their priorities and communicate
your climate message around what matters to them.

Take a Step Beyond:

Contact and meet with elected officials at the local, state, and
national levels to express your and your congregation's
concern and response to environmentalism and sustainability.

SEPTEMBER 28

CREATION CARE ADVOCACY (continued)

Prayer:

O Creator God,
you are known by your loving embrace
of the undeserving and those who suffer:
Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Action:

Call, email, write a letter, or use social media to communicate
with elected officials regarding climate issues that you are
concerned about.

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SEPTEMBER 29

CREATION CARE ADVOCACY (continued)

Prayer:

God of abundance,
we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air,
on which our lives depend moment by moment.
In silence we are aware of our frailty,
our complete dependence on our beloved Mother Earth
who nurtures us and sustains our every breath.
Amen.

Action:

Advocate for recycling, composting, smart transportation, and climate-friendly caterers within churches and community spaces.

Take a Step Beyond:

You and your faith community can work toward safeguarding human and environmental health by advocating alongside community-based environmental justice groups.

SEPTEMBER 30

CREATION CARE ADVOCACY (continued)

Prayer:

God of love,
show us our place in this world,
as kin to all the non-human creatures
with whom we share the earth.
They came forth from your hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Amen.

Action:

Support climate-friendly political candidates and boycott climate-denialist parties.

Take a Step Beyond:

You and your faith community can participate in civic engagement, such as leaving public comments or hosting candidate forums to ask about their environmental health policies.

OCTOBER 1

A CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP

Prayer:

God whom we love,
we stand before you with open and humble hearts.
In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel
the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us -
Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans, forest, meadows, trees, flowers.
Amen.

Action:

Consider how to provide space on your church property for a
community garden and accessible food.

Community Poetry Reading today:

Join the community for Poetry Reading on the theme of
Creation Justice Peace
7:30-8:30pm ET

Contact gordonjkubanek@gmail.com to register.

OCTOBER 2

A CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP (continued)

Prayer:

Creator Spirit:
as the earth, so beautiful, so warm,
receives and reflects the sunlight,
so may we receive and reflect your love.
Amen.

Action:

Offer gratitude for the holy earth in prayer and in praise.

Take a Step Beyond:

Consider various Scripture passages that speak of God's love for creation. Which passage or even line most resonates for you?

OCTOBER 3

A CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP (continued)

Prayer:

All-loving and everliving God,
you are always more ready to give than we are to receive:
Pour upon us your abundance of contentment
with simple, faithful living;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Action:

Consider leaving the leaves on at least part of your property. Decomposing leaves create natural mulch and improves soil health. It also provides essential habitats for overwintering insects and other small creatures, which in turn benefit birds and other wildlife.

Take a Step Beyond:

Go out into the natural world, your backyard, a local park, a nearby trail. Step into that space with intention. Open your eyes to creation as if seeing with God's eyes. Reflect on how this changes your perception. Journal about your experience.

OCTOBER 4

A CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP (continued)

Prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Action:

Share this booklet with friends!

Watch [this video](#) illustrating the ways our culture and human priorities have been out of step with God's call to love and care for Earth.

Take a Step Beyond:

Lead your worship community in deeper engagement with climate issues and organize creation care efforts that demonstrate loving care for your local ecosystem and community.

CONCLUSION

We hope and pray that these 30 days of Justice-themed reflections that we have celebrated together for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis have brought you the joy and peace and love that are God's reflections and gifts to our world.



A Four-fold Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.
May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.
May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.
May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

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