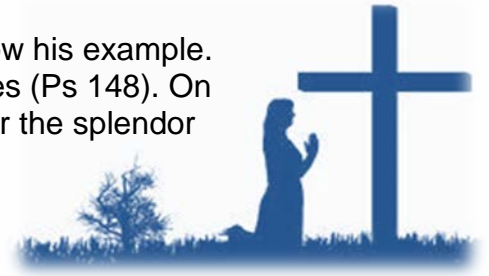


PRAYERS FOR GOD'S CREATION

Jesus often withdrew in nature to pray (Luke 6, 12) and we can follow his example. The biblical tradition even encourages praising God with all creatures (Ps 148). On our website, you will find a great variety of prayers to pray to God for the splendor of his Creation.



Thanksgiving for the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal Church (1983)

God of All

Our God is the God of all, the God of heaven and earth, of the sea and of the rivers; The God of the sun and of the moon and of all the stars; The God of the lofty mountains and of the lowly valleys. He has His dwelling around heaven and earth, and sea, and all that is in them.
Saint Patrick (5th century)

Blessing of a Fruit Tree

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it good creatures and good trees to give humanity pleasure.

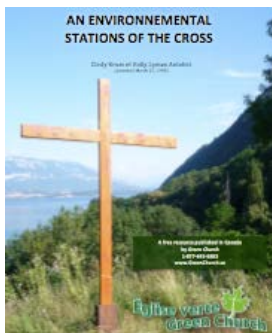
Jewish blessing for when one sees a blossoming tree in spring

When I open my eyes

When I open my eyes, my God, on all that You have created I have heaven already in my hands. Serenely I gather in my lap roses and lilies and all green things while I praise your works. My own works I ascribe entirely to you. Gladness springs forth from sorrow, and joy brings happiness.
Hildegard of Bingen (12th century)

CREATION CARE PRAYER SERVICES

The *Green Churches* website boasts a diversity of prayer services and liturgies to help your community praise the Lord for the splendours of Creation. We strive to offer various prayers to accommodate many Christian denominations. Have you organized a Creation-themed prayer recently? Share it with us!



Environmental Stations of the Cross

"All has been reconciled in Christ, on earth and in heaven, through the blood he shed on the cross." (Colossians 1:20)



An evening of prayer for the Earth

*Taizé Prayer is one of the best contributions the church can make on Earth Day (April 22nd).
"The earth and all that it contains belong to God." (Psalm 24:1)*



Blessing for Tree Planting

"On your way, all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)



SEASON OF CREATION



A toolbox ready to download :

- Calendar with daily actions
- Poster
- Prayer Guide
- Fundraising Guide
- Spirituality Activity
- Education Activity
- Action Activity

In August 2017, the *Green Churches Network* launched for the first time the Season of Creation Toolbox. We are the only organization in Canada to offer such a resource.

What is the “Season of Creation”?

Every year, from September 1st to October 4th, churches are called to participate in the “Season of Creation”. The World Council of Churches has been promoting this theme since 2008. This special time of year has gained popularity in Europe, and the United Church of Canada was the first to celebrate it here in Canada. Since 2017, all churches in Canada are invited to celebrate the “Season of Creation” in their faith community. The Green Churches Network is happy to offer a “box” of resources designed to make creation care more relevant and “doable” for your church.



Why September 1st to October 4th?

In 1989, Demetrios 1, Patriarch of Constantinople, dedicated the first day of the Orthodox liturgical year (September 1) to the protection of the environment. He then invited the whole Christian world to join in so that “every year on this day, we raise prayers of thanks for the great gift of the created world, prayers of supplication for its protection and salvation.” In 2015, Pope Francis named September 1st the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The “Season of Creation” closes on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4 Oct.), a model of integral ecology who demonstrated that love for the poor, the sick and for all creatures comes from the same Source—Jesus himself.



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