

## Key dates 2023



# Season of Creation

September 1 - October 4

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**September 1**

World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of Creation

"The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion."

- Laudato Si', 219



**September 7**

International Day of  
Clean Air for blue skies

« Clean air is now a human right. A stable climate is a human right. Healthy nature is a human right. Today, air pollution is denying billions of people of their rights. »

-UN Secretary-General



**September 15**

International Day of  
Democracy

"We need to stop thinking in terms of "interventions" to save the environment in favour of policies developed and debated by all interested parties. The participation of the latter also entails being fully informed about such projects and their different risks and possibilities"

- Laudato Si, 183



## September 16

International Day for the  
Preservation of the Ozone Layer

"The Montreal Protocol is a success because, when science discovered the threat we all faced, Governments and their partners acted."

- UN Secretary-General



## September 17

World Cleanup Day

"A goal that crosses borders and defies religious and cultural differences. World Cleanup Day is one of the biggest civic movements of our time, uniting 191 countries across the world for a cleaner planet."

- [Worldcleanupday.org](http://Worldcleanupday.org)



## September 21

International Day of  
Peace

"Making peace with nature, securing its health and building on the critical and undervalued benefits that it provides are key to a prosperous and sustainable future for all."

- UN Secretary-General





## September 22

### Car-free day

"Cities across the globe celebrate World Car-Free Day, encouraging motorists to give up their cars for a day. The event highlights the numerous benefits of going car-free to citizens—including reduced air pollution and the promotion of walking and cycling in a safer environment."

- UNEP



## September 29

### International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction

"Reducing food loss and waste presents an opportunity for immediate climate benefits while improving the overall sustainability of our food systems."

-FAO



## September 30

### World Ocean Day

"Marine litter presents a huge problem in our oceans, with some scientists warning that, by 2050, the quantity of plastics in the oceans will outweigh fish."

- International Maritime Organization



## October 4

### St-Francis of Assisi

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."

- Laudato Si 12



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