

Pope Francis' message on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is an opening event in the [Season of Creation](#), an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home. In 2019, Pope Francis issued his first [papal message](#) on the season.

This year Mons. Bruno-Marie Duffé, secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, [published](#) a [letter](#) inviting all Catholics, and bishops in particular, to take part in the season as part of the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year. Ten bishops' conferences, including those in [Asia](#), [Eastern Africa](#), [Europe](#), [Ireland](#), [Italy](#), and [the Philippines](#) this year, have now supported the season, with more statements anticipated.

The suggested theme for this year's celebration is "Jubilee for the Earth," and Christians are encouraged to develop radically new ways of living with creation. Hundreds of in-person [events](#) will take place during the season, which runs from 1 September through 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis. In addition to local in-person events, online events will help Catholics reflect on the core themes of the season and how they relate to the crises of today. More information about online events is below.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of September and the Season of Creation is that "the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner." A video to accompany this prayer intention is available [here](#), distributed by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

For additional information about the Season of Creation, please contact Reba Elliott at reba@catholicclimatemovement.global

1 September: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This ecumenical online prayer service will be led by young people. With their prophetic stand for radically new ways of living, young people are urging adults to act now, while the option for acting is still with us.

- 9:00 Quito / 10:00 NYC / 11:00 São Paulo / 15:00 UK / 16:00 Rome / 17:00 Nairobi
 - [Register here](#) to attend in English.
 - Watch the [live stream here](#) in English.
- 18:00 Quito / 19:00 NYC / 20:00 São Paulo
 - [Register here](#) to attend in Spanish and Portuguese.

2 September: A Just Transition for Asia-Pacific and Oceania

This webinar will explore how the coronavirus crisis and the environmental crisis are related in Asia-Pacific and Oceania, and how regional approaches to a just transition to integral ecology could be developed. Speakers will include **Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam**, Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, **Archbishop Peter Loy Chong**, President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Oceania and Archbishop of Suva, Fiji, **Bishop Allwyn D'Silva**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of

Bombay, India and member of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, **Fr. Edwin Gariguez**, Former Executive Secretary of The National Secretariat for Social Action/Caritas Philippines and recipient of the 2012 Goldman Environmental Prize

- 9:00 Rome / 12:30 Mumbai / 15:00 Manila / 17:00 Sydney / 19:00 Fiji
- [Register here](#) to attend in English or receive interpretation in Spanish, Italian, French, or Polish.
- Watch the [live stream here](#) in English only.

10 September: Refuelling Africa through Ethical Investment

With the growing appetite for coal, oil and gas investments in Africa, there is a need to define the true cost of energy investments and the morality of investing in the fossil fuel industry. this webinar will explore energy pathways for Africa, with a special focus on the EACOP project

- 8:00 Quito / 9:00 NYC / 10:00 São Paulo / 14:00 UK / 15:00 Rome / 16:00 Nairobi
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- Watch the [live stream here](#) in English only.

17 and 18 September: Just Transition for Latin America, the Continent of Hope

This webinar will explore how the coronavirus crisis and the environmental crisis are related in Latin America, and how regional approaches to a just transition could be developed.

- *Spanish* September 17: 9:00 Quito / 10:00 NYC / 11:00 São Paulo / 15:00 UK / 16:00 Rome / 17:00 Nairobi
- *Portuguese* September 18: 10:30 Quito / 11:30 NYC / 12:30 São Paulo / 17:30 UK / 18:30 Rome / 19:30 Nairobi
- [Register here](#) to attend in Spanish on 17 September and in Portuguese on 18 September, with interpretation both days in Spanish, Portuguese, English, Italian, French, and Polish.
- Watch the [live stream here](#) in Spanish only.

24 September: A Just Transition: European Nations' Responsibility to their People and to the World

This webinar will inform, connect, and mobilise people around a just transition in Europe and will explore Europe's responsibilities for a just transition globally. In the context of global prayer and action for the Season of Creation, it will develop an understanding of engagement in public affairs and policy as a form of testimony of our faith, one rooted in prayer. Speakers will include **Sr Alessandra Smerilli**, economist, coordinator of the economic task force in the Vatican's Commission for COVID-19, member of the Scientific Committee and organizer of the Catholic Italian Social Weeks; **Marcin Kędzierski** of the Jagiellonian Club in Poland; **Lydia Lehlogonolo Machaka**, CIDSE Climate Justice & Energy Officer; and **Cliona Sharkey**, GCCM Director of Advocacy and European Programmes.

- 8:00 Quito / 9:00 NYC / 10:00 São Paulo / 14:00 UK / 15:00 Rome / 16:00 Nairobi

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