



SEASON OF CREATION FOR GRADES 6-12



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Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

September 1, 2022

Needed: Red Strips on which students write prayers for creation as indicated each week. Each parish is asked to have a bush designated to stand for a burning bush (outside or in church) during the Season of Creation on which red ribbons will be tied naming our prayers for creation.

Call to Prayer

Leader: Morning has broken, inviting us to us to love and protect all creation.

Response: We gather to greet a new day by praising God who is the Creator of all. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Reading from Exodus

Now Moses was tending the flock... There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Leader: Place your feet on the ground. God created Earth and blessed it. All land is holy ground.

Song: I Am Standing on Holy Ground (Kathy Sherman CSJ)
ministryofthearts.org/art/i-am-standing-on-holy-ground

Where I'm standing is holy ground. I am standing on holy ground.

YouTube

Pope Francis' Call to the Day of Prayer for Creation (one minute)
youtu.be/19voA19DDXs

World Day of Peace Message 1990

Pope John Paul II

"An education in ecological responsibility is urgent: responsibility for oneself, for others, and for the earth...a true education in responsibility entails a genuine conversion in ways of thought and behavior...indeed all members of society, have a precise role to play in such education...where the child learns to respect neighbour and to love nature."

Silent Reflection
(one minute)

Response: (Share a word or phrase that names how you felt as you watched the film and listened to the words.)

Prayers of Praise

For all the wonders of your creation: sun and moon, stars and seas, winged, four-legged and two-legged creatures, trees and flowers — all that reveals your beauty.

All: We praise you. We bless you. We thank you

For clean water which quenches thirst, and flows through the veins of all creatures bringing them life.

All: We praise you. We bless you. We thank you.

For clean air, the breath of life, which keeps us alive and is revealed in words, songs and poetry.

All: We praise you. We bless you. We thank you.

For the land that yields food for all creatures.

All: We praise you. We bless you. We thank you.

For People of all races and creeds who uniquely reveal God's love.

All: We praise you. We bless you. We thank you.

Burning Bush and
Red Ribbons

Write on a Red Ribbon something in creation for which you give thanks. Tie this ribbons on the bush designated by your parish (outside or in the church) which will stand for the burning bush collecting our prayer for creation during the Season of Creation. (Teachers or Principles will decide the process to be used for tying the ribbons on the bush before the weekend liturgies.)

Closing Prayer

Part of Pope Francis' Prayer for Creation

All: O God, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. This we ask in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.