

# **SEASON OF CREATION** FOR GRADES 6-12



## Fourth Week of September, 2022

Needed: Red Strips/ribbon to be tied on parish burning bush of prayer for creation.

Call to Prayer

**Leader:** As morning breaks, we call upon your name.

**Response:** For you, O Creator of the Universe, love and care for all

creation. All that you create is holy.

**Song:** One Small Voice (Kathy Sherman, CSJ) ministryofthearts.org/art/one-small-voice

**Chorus:** So listen with your heart and you will hear the voice. Feel the love. Make the choice. There is one voice in all voices chanting different melodies inviting us to sing in harmony.

Scripture

#### **Romans 8: 19**

The whole creation waits breathless for the revelation of the sons and daughters of God.



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#### Pope Francis

### World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2016

"Prayer needs to translate into action: 'avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices.' We must not think that these efforts are too small to improve our world. They call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread and encourage a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption."

Silence	<b>Response:</b> (Say a word or phrase that names something you can do reflecting your care for our common home.)
Litany of Petition	Response: Change our lives, O God.
	<ol> <li>From a lifestyle of consumption, to a lifestyle of communion, we pray.</li> </ol>
	2. From wanting more, to sharing more, we pray.
	<ol> <li>From feeling stuck regarding care of our common home, to being creative regarding care of our common home, we pray.</li> </ol>
	4. From hurting creation, to healing creation, we pray.
	5. From acting without thought for the rest of creation, to being careful about all our actions, we pray
Action	After listening to the song, words of scripture and Pope Francis, the film and petitions, what is one action the Holy Spirit of Love is inviting you to take to care for creation?
Share	
Burning Bush	Write the action you will take to care for creation on your red strip/ribbon (This will be tied on the parish "burning bush")
Closing Prayer	All: Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your care and love for our common home.  May the whole web of life flourish with loveliness because we were alive today.  This we ask in the name of all who count on this happening.  This we ask in the name of Christ.  Amen.