



SEASON OF CREATION

FOR GRADES 6-12

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Call to Prayer

Leader: We Praise you, O God, for everything you create is Good.
Response: Inspire us with ways to care for all creation.

Reading

Job 12: 7-10

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all people.



Baptistry of St. John, Florence Baptistry Jacopo Torriti with assistance from Cimabue and Coppo di Marcovaldo. Public Domain.

YouTube

National Geographic: Climate Change 101 with Bill Nye (4:09)
youtu.be/EtW2rrLHso8

Pope Francis

Laudato Si'

“Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.”

Pope Benedict

**World Day of Peace 1990 —
“If you Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation”**

“When the ecological crisis is set within the broader context of the search for peace within society, we can understand better the importance of giving attention to what the earth and its atmosphere are telling us: there is an order in the universe and the human person has a grave responsibility to respect it... The ecological crisis is a moral issue.”

Silence

Response: (Name a word or phrase that stays with you from the reading or the YouTube video.)

Litany of Intercessions

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

1. Free us from our deafness to the groaning of creation. Open our ears to its cry. Move our hearts with compassion. Open our mouths to speak on Earth’s behalf, we pray.
2. Free us from using creation as objects for our own profit. Love us into relating with creation as our kin, we pray.
3. Free us from being overwhelmed with the plight of planet Earth. Inspire us with creative ideas and ways to heal our planet, we pray.
4. Free us from debating about the reality of climate change. Move us to action on behalf of the flourishing of the beauty in creation, we pray.

Closing Prayer

All: Loving Creator of all creation, inspire us to praise you with our lives by the way we relate to all you have created.
This we ask in the name of all who count on this happening.
In the name of Christ, our life.
Amen.