

# SEASON OF CREATION FOR GRADES 6-12

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

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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.

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A Reading from Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth  
...God saw all that God had made, and it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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A Reading from Laudato Si

**Pope Francis**

“Praise be to you, my Lord.” In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.”



Giotto di Bondone: Saint Francis preaching to the Birds Basilica of St. Francis. Public Domain.

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YouTube

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

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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.”

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Silent Reflection  
(one minute)

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

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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.

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Closing Prayer

**Part of Pope Francis's 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.