

# SEASON OF CREATION FOR GRADES 6-12

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

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Call to Prayer

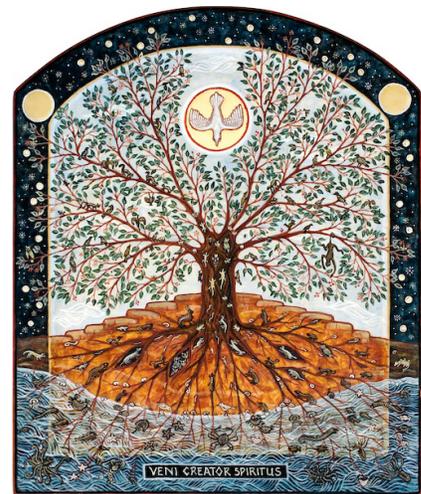
**Leader:** Loving God, all creation sings your praise!  
**Response:** May our lives glorify your name!

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Scripture

**John 17**

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, O God, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



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Pope Francis

**Laudato Si'**

“The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others.”

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Pope Benedict XVI

**Charity In Truth**

“The environment is God’s gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole.”

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YouTube

Dear Matafele Peinam: UN Climate Summit Poem (3:01)  
[youtu.be/hGOuHoKrzBQ](https://youtu.be/hGOuHoKrzBQ)

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Silence

**Response:** (Share a word or phrase that names an invitation you are experiencing.)

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Litany of Praise

**Response:** We give you thanks.

1. For the privilege of participating with all creation in the revelation of your Love, we pray.
  2. For the honor of being entrusted with the care of our common home, we pray.
  3. For the gift of experiencing gratitude, wonder, and awe as we see, hear, touch, and love our common home, we pray.
  4. For the gift to imagine and so to participate in leaving a healthy, flourishing planet for future generations, we pray.
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Closing Prayer (Song)

**Touch the Earth** | [youtu.be/LJ8JZDgmNBc](https://youtu.be/LJ8JZDgmNBc)

**Refrain:**

Touch the Earth with gentleness.  
Touch the Earth with love.  
Touch her with a future by the way you live today.  
God has given us the power to create the world anew if we touch the Earth together, me and you.

The time is here, the time is now, we can change things.  
Give the Earth your dream of harmony she is waiting.  
Waiting for love, waiting for you, waiting for me.

Show the Earth you care about her future.  
Melt the walls of hate and fear that keep us apart;  
Believe we can live together as friends of the Earth.

Be the reason, be the hope for others to believe.  
That the Earth is meant for beauty, goodness and peace;  
And that our God of love, is God of the Earth’s one family.