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Our Faith and Caring for God's Creation

Genesis 2:15 "Humans are commanded to care for God's creation."



Our faith emphasizes the importance of caring for God's creation. God entrusted us as stewards to protect the earth's resources as a divine gift and our responsibility.

*"We are people of God Walking Together."
United we can do amazing things.*

Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* "On Care for Our Common Home" was the first Papal letter on the environment and the relationship between humanity and the earth. Recently the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, celebrated the first "Mass for the Care of Creation", on July 9, 2025. This Mass "calls us to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us – not only in daily choices and public policies, but also in our prayer, our worship, and our way of living in the world".

The "Season of Creation" is celebrated from 1 September to 4 October 2025.

The essential principle of Catholic social teaching is the concept of community and the common good. As Catholic women whether we perform Corporal Works of Mercy with our hands, Spiritual Works of Mercy with our minds and hearts, or both, we do them as an expression of our love of God.

With faith and love, we women in the League demonstrate our understanding and awareness of the issues in the care of Mother Earth through ministry and service. We strive to respond to social, economic and environmental injustices in our communities, province, country and around the world. Our Councils develop resolutions to address social justice issues, we fund-raise for numerous organizations in our



communities, across the province and Canada and overseas for the common good. Giving of ourselves runs deep, we are nurturing by nature.

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The recent National Convention reflected on Faith, Hope, and Love. On Monday, our first day, Bishop Alan Campeau in his homily reflected on loving God with all your being, and how members can live out that dedication by serving others in their daily lives. Tuesday Archbishop Christian Lepine in his homily, focused on mercy and how one can never say that they have loved enough, for there will always be more love to give. We are faithful because the Lord is merciful. In the closing Mass on Wednesday Bishop Lobsinger in his homily, asked us 'To Never Stop Loving and to love without end.' He said that hope is the virtue that allows us to continue to believe in God and his promises even when it is easier to give up...love God with no end!

Hope

Faith is our conviction and trust in God and his divine promise and graces for a better world despite the challenges and difficulties we face. We see God's great love in the world God created, and experience wonder anyway, in our world around us.

I am proud to be part of this giving and caring organization! Continue your great works for the care of our creation with great joy! God Bless.

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LET'S COME TOGETHER

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



We praise you, O God, Creator of all things,
whose mystery unfolds in "a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face."
Jesus, your Son, taught us to wonder
as he made his way throughout the land, contemplating the beauty of creation.
We pray, O God, that you may stir in us
a reverent awareness of our invisible link with the entire created world.
We pray for humility—
to remember that we, too, are created and are not creation's masters.
We pray for compassion—
for open eyes and hearts to welcome those forced to flee from their homes
due to rising sea levels and drought.
We pray for repentance—
so that our thirst for power and domination may be transformed into service.
We pray for simplicity—
and the will to turn from our greed which impacts vulnerable people everywhere.
We pray for cultural conversion—
that we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and waste, and exercise
prudence in our decision making.
We pray for policy changes—
that as a nation and world we may work together to reverse the course of climate change.
Our hearts ache as we ponder:
"The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?"
We praise you, O God,
confident that you work in our hearts and through our actions, so that
we may better care for our common home.
Amen.

Prayer Inspired by Pope Francis' Laudate Deum (Praise God)

