

Schedule and Plan for five prayer services for the Season of Creation in 2023

Season of Creation Theme for 2023: Let Justice and Peace Flow

“A mighty river” is the symbol chosen to go with this theme, representing biodiversity at risk. Each theme below invites you to new awareness, to reflect on the biodiversity and uniqueness of creatures, to lament the harm done and to express gratitude to God for all the various species of life on earth.

Sept. 1-7: “The Mighty River” – the gift of creation in all its diversity; awareness of threats to creation; reflection, lamentation, gratitude and the need for human conversion.

Sept. 8-15: “The Swimming Ones”: The Beauty and diversity in the world of water creatures; threats to the diversity of aquatic life, reflection, lamentation, gratitude and the need for human conversion

Sept. 15-22: “The Standing Ones”: The diversity in plant life and the gifts of plants - aquatic plants, trees on land, fruits, flowers and vegetables; threats to the life of plants - using one example; reflection, lamentation, gratitude and the need for human conversion.

Sept. 23-29: “The Four-legged Ones”: The biodiversity of animal life; threats to the four-legged ones -using the buffalo as an example; reflection, lamentation, gratitude and the need for human conversion

Sept. 30 - Oct. 4: “The Winged Ones”: The beauty and diversity of birds and the gifts they bring; St. Francis’ relationship to creatures; some threatened species: eagles, butterflies and bees; Indigenous beliefs about our relationship with other creatures, reflection, lamentation, gratitude and the need for human conversion.

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