



# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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**Walking Vespers**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm, a Creation walk in St Nicholas Park.**

“If we are guilty of relentless waste, it is because we have lost the spirit of worship. We are no longer respectful pilgrims on this earth; we have been reduced to careless consumers or passing travellers.”

*His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*

**A contemplative walk outside in the park to reflect on the gift of God’s creation and our response to be in deeper communion with all life.**

More details to follow but save the space in your diary.



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## Introduction

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is “To hope and act with Creation”. Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith, we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity.

This season, we are also uniting our Christian voices through a joint advocacy initiative to support the [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#) which calls for a halt to new fossil fuel projects.

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Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty

## **JOIN THE CALL FOR A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY TO MANAGE A GLOBAL TRANSITION TO SAFE, RENEWABLE & AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR ALL.**

After decades of climate negotiations, **fossil fuels have finally been dragged centre stage**. Despite this, many governments are still approving new coal, oil and gas projects — threatening our chances of limiting warming to 1.5°C.

It's crystal clear: **we now need a concrete, binding plan to end the expansion of new coal, oil and gas projects and manage a global transition away from fossil fuels.**

To protect people from the threat fossil fuels pose to our climate, our health and our future, **a growing bloc of 13 countries are seeking a negotiating mandate for a Fossil Fuel Treaty.**

The proposed treaty would **complement the Paris Agreement** by providing the global roadmap needed to halt the expansion of fossil fuel, manage an equitable phase-out of coal, oil and gas, and lay the foundations for a true just energy transition in which no worker, community or country is left behind.

**Which nation-state will be next** to join the growing club of countries seeking a negotiating mandate for a new treaty on fossil fuels?

Join the growing coalition pledging to keep 1.5° alive by [endorsing](#) the #FossilFuelTreaty today.

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