



# SEASON OF CREATION

## ONLINE ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION September 1, 2016 - 8AM US EDT / 2PM CEST

### **Welcome**

Christina Leano  
*Global Catholic Climate Movement*

### **Opening Prayer: Collect from the Orthodox Office of Vespers for the Preservation of Creation**

Louk Andrianos  
*World Council of Churches*

Almighty God, who created all things with wisdom and who watches over and guides them by your all-powerful hand, grant well-being that all creation may prosper and remain unharmed by hostile elements; for you, Master, commanded that the works of your hands should remain unshaken until the ends of the age; for you spoke and they came into being and they receive from you mercy for the turning away of all harm, and for the salvation of the human race which glorifies your name which is praised above all. Amen.

### **Psalm 19**

Isaiah Kipyegon Toroitich  
*Act Alliance*

### **The Gospel of John 1:1-5**

Dionne Gravesande  
*Christian Aid*

### **“Discover God in All things”** Ali-al-Khawwas, Sufi poet

Ciara Shannon  
*GreenFaith*

“The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face,” the pope writes. In a footnote to that quote, he credits al-Khawwas for the concept of nature’s “mystical meaning,” noting how the poet stressed “the need not to put too much distance between the creatures of the world and the interior experience of God.”

Pope Francis then directly quotes the poet: “The initiate will capture what is being said when the wind blows, the trees sway, water flows, flies buzz, doors creak, birds sing, or in the sound of strings or flutes, the sighs of the sick, the groans of the afflicted.”

### **Video reflection: St Francis’s Canticle of Creation**

#### **Prayer intentions**

Our response is “*Creator God, hear our prayer*”

Rev. Rachel Mash  
*Anglican Communion Environmental Network*

#### **Song: Oh Lord Hear My Prayer**

Jeff Bolding

#### **A Moment of Reflection**

Ann Marie Brennan  
*Christian Life Community*

#### **Closing Prayer: A Prayer For Our Earth - Laudato Si’**

Fr. Frederic Fornos, SJ  
*Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this  
earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and  
destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace. Amen.

**Thank you and End**

Tomas Insua  
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