

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful During the Season of Creation

1st September (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

For all people of good will: (Pause)

That we join with others addressing injustice at home and around the world as a sign of our incarnational faith.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

For all creatures and plant life sharing our common home: (Pause)

May our living together with all of creation reflect the call of the Holy Spirit to be a witness to the possibility of change.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

8th September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept

For the politicians of Aotearoa New Zealand: (Pause)

That they establish laws that are just, protecting the vulnerable, safe-guarding human dignity, and preserving the integrity of the natural world.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

For Social Justice: (Pause)

That we are ignited with the fire within us to reach out to those on the fringes of our society in the face of adversity and injustice.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

For all whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters: (Pause)

That in striving to address the harm caused by floods, fires and other disasters, a sense of unity, shared purpose and desire to Hope and Act with Creation will grow among people.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

15th September (24th Sun. in Ordinary Time) Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept

For all people in Aotearoa (Read the Māori and have English on screen)

Kia hora te marino,	May peace spread before us,
kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,	May the ocean glisten like greestone,
he huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei.	a pathway for us all this day.
Aroha atu, aroha mai,	Love flowing out, love flowing in,
tātou i a tātou katoa.	in respect for each other.
Hui e! Tāiki e!	Bind us all together!

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

For care for our Common Home: (Pause)

That we learn how to live simply, not degrading the natural world, but living in harmony with it as kaitiaki inspired by tangata whenua.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a matou

22nd September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

For the vulnerable: (pause)

That we remember that the vulnerable creatures on this earth are, like all of us, equally of God's creation, and that we be open to protecting and conserving their environment.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

For the strength to speak out: (pause)

Give us the courage and strength to speak truth to power so as to protect and preserve our Common Home

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

29th September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

For those who are prophets in the world: (pause)

That we always be open to prophecy and be ready to listen to those who understand how to respond to the 'Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor' calling us to action.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

For a spirit of gratitude for God's gifts: (pause)

May we learn to appreciate God's gifts to us and to develop an attitude of thanksgiving for the fruitfulness of the earth. Let us renew our commitment to care for God's Creation.

Reader: E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope

(Rom 8:19-25)