



Dear Sisters and Family of the Incarnation,

Pope Francis proposes that we celebrate the Season of Creation in September. In doing so, we join millions of Christians who will pray with her throughout the world this month.

This year the theme of the Season of Creation is "**Listen to the Voice of Creation**".



The Burning Bush
— Ex 3:1-12 —

**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

We need to listen to the voices of those suffering the impacts of climate change, the people who hold ancient wisdom about how to live with gratitude within the limits of the earth, the voices of a diminishing diversity of species. It is the voice of the earth.

[Video Season of Creation 2022](#)

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3:1-12)

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we faithfully follow God in seeking God's deliverance from all injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of the Spirit of God calls us to listen to the voice of all creatures.

What voices do we need to hear?

During this month of September, we invite you to be attentive to listen to the cry of creation and make it present in community prayer. Perhaps, once a week, we can dedicate community prayer to listen to these voices and pray with them.

We conclude with this prayer proposed by the Laudato Si' Movement to ask to know how to listen.

Prayer for Listening

Most blessed holy Trinity,
Creator, Savior and Ruah,
Through Your Word of life
All was and is created,
All was redeemed and is called to redemption,
All was united in Your bosom of love and is called to live in communion.
Because of You, dear Trinity,
All of creation is a constant exercise of listening to Your Word
So that we can embody the Word in our own lives.
Teach us, therefore, how to truly listen to Your creating and creative Word.
Remind us that Your Word is present and can be heard in each living being.
May we listen and learn from Your message present throughout nature. Open our ears
and our hearts and teach us strength and courage so that we may hear the pain and
suffering of our sister mother earth and of those most affected by the socio-
environmental crisis.
Amen.

In sisterhood.

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