



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

Prayer Services for the Season of Creation
from the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa
Week Two: Connected to Creation

Today we invite you to contemplate the Season of Creation and to recognize God in all things. Our prayer will encourage us to reflect on our connections to the rest of creation and how our lives and actions affect those who are voiceless.

Presider: We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

Psalm 19: 1-4, 7-9 New International Version (language adapted)

Side 1: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

All: Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Side 2: They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

All: Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Side 1: The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

All: Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Side 2: The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

All: Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Presider: Truly there are many ways in which creation tells of God. In this short video reflection, we encourage you to consider the ways in which you can more deeply listen to the voice of creation, the voice of the voiceless.

Video reflection "Ecospirituality: Clues for Living" by Sr. Anna Siufi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eG8Uske0L-4>
Watch from 9:15 to 12:12.

Presider: As we become more aware of the voice of creation and recognize our deep connections with all of creation, especially the voiceless, we are challenged to respond to these connections and to make our lives models of peace. Please join in our closing prayer "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace."

Closing Prayer
Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Portions of the prayers are adapted from *Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2022*. The video meditation "Ecospirituality: Clues for Living" was created by Sr. Anna Siufi of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and made available through the Catholic Climate Covenant's *Feast of St. Francis: Eco-spirituality, Behold God in Everything!*



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