



SEASON OF  
CREATION

**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**



**Opening Prayer:**

God of hope, we know that You walk with us on our journey. As we look at our broken world, we see the suffering of Earth and Earth's creatures. Give us a new sense of hope, a deeper conviction of Your presence and action in our midst. Bless all our efforts to be bearers of hope, peace and compassion to one another and to all who share this Earth with us. Amen.

**Readings:**

I watch in hope for the Lord. I wait for God, my Saviour. My God will hear me. Micah 7:7

There are different forms of hope. However, hope is not merely optimism. It is not a utopian illusion. It is not waiting for a magical miracle. Hope is trust that our action makes sense, even if the results of this action are not immediately seen (cf. Romans 8:24). Hope doesn't act alone. Earlier in his letter to the Romans, Paul the apostle explains the close relationship of hope as a growth process: "endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:4). Patience and endurance are close associates of hope. These are qualities that lead to hope.

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To choose hope is to step firmly forward into the howling wind,  
baring one's chest to the elements, knowing that, in time, the storm will pass.

The Book of Joy -Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

*What is my/our hope for our world at this moment in time?*

**This is our greatest  
hope for the future.**

**A lot of people doing  
little things can make a  
big difference!**

**There are small changes  
you can make that will  
be a huge help to our  
planet.**

