

CLOSING OF SEASON OF CREATION– 4 October 2025



Hymn: Marty Haugen *Canticle of the Sun* <https://youtu.be/MaFZAUyXuQU>

Readings:

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Psalm 85:10-11

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue ...” (Laudato Si’, 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope... an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love...mirroring the Lord’s own self-sacrificing Love. Pope Leo XIV, For Care of Creation 2025-1 Sept, Seeds of Peace and Hope, #8

Peace Prayer of St. Francis:

God, fashion us anew as doorways to your peace.
Where there is violence and hostility, let us bring compassion.
Where there is abuse of power, let us bring dignity and respect.
Where there is deliberate deceit, let us bring truth and authentic concern.
Where there is a shuttering of dreams, let us bring visions of hope.
Where there is conflict in relationships, let us bring reconciliations.
And where there is disregard for creation, let us bring reverence and care.

O Divine Creator, let us not so much seek to be centered on ourselves
as to focus on the needs of those neglected;
To be appreciated by others as to further the gifts of the forgotten;
To be materially secure as to share our wealth with the poor.
For it is through awareness of injustice that suffering will be healed,
It is by simplifying our lifestyle that consumerism will lose its grip,
And it is through a selfless commitment to love that peace will be reborn. Amen.

Adapted by Jean Schwieters, OSF

Blessing: May God send us in abundance
his “Spirit from on high” *Is 32:15*),
so that these seeds and others like them,
may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope
“tilled and kept” by the grace
of our great and unfailing Hope, the risen Christ.

Pope Leo XIV, 30 June ‘25

