

Newsletter Insert

During the Season of Creation each year, Christians around the world unite to renew our love for each other and the home we share. We cannot but think of the threats and challenges that exist now for all humanity, not least our brothers and sisters living in the communities where Trócaire works. People who have done the least to cause climate change, are the ones to experience its harshest impacts, as drought and extreme weather disrupt their ability to grow food and tend their land. This year's theme for Season of Creation is "Cultivating Hope" as we focus on building a better future for all humanity and for our common home.

Resources for parish groups who would like to take action locally and globally during the Season of Creation can be found at the following links;

(1) <https://www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/laudato-si>

(2) <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/>

Prayers of the Faithful

1: O Creator God, in this Season of Creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Inspire the work of Trócaire to care for the earth, to respect the rights of all people and all living species, to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us.

Lord hear us

2: God of all life, we give thanks for the gift of the earth, our common home. At this time many people, the oceans, and the eco-systems of the earth are struggling to survive. Help Trócaire to advocate for changing our ways and guiding us to live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves but on the needs of others and the worship of you as our ultimate concern.

Lord hear us

3: At this time in human history we are mindful that the survival of our planet and the well-being of humanity is threatened. Let us pray that the work of Trócaire continues to reduce climate change and that care for the poor will be honoured by governments throughout the world.

Lord hear us.