

Josephite Companions' September Prayer Sheet

World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – September
1st.



Listen to the Voice of Creation.....

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

In this season, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of Creation. To respond through prayer, repentance and action.

Take off Your Shoes: Jan Novotka

[Take off your shoes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QJ0Bntaovs)

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The earth is the burning bush, the earth is holy ground. Take off your shoes, for where you stand is holy.

Circle of power, rings of fire, echoes of ancient song. Spirits of those who prayed long ago are here.

Shadows and light caress this place, ferns dance with joy in the wind, Circling above hope stirs my soul with love.

**Mountains so high and caves so deep. Hot springs and mounds of stone.
Healing and hope, rise up from the soul of earth.**

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In the book of Genesis, God appears to Moses in the burning bush, telling him to 'take off his shoes' as he is standing on holy ground.. as we stand today on the holy ground of our earth today, we are reminded also of the importance of '*taking off our shoes!*'

Sit quietly and look on the image above... What 'sandals' might God be asking you to remove as you stand on this 'holy ground?'

If we listen to the voice of creation,
we can hear a song in praise of
our Creator..

*O Divine Voice,
You sing and the universe comes into being!*



*You breathe and all things spring to life.
...we hear also an anguished plea
lamenting our mistreatment of this
our common home.*

*Our hearts cry out.... What is earth
saying to us? What is earth saying to
you?*

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all that need to change.

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What is earth asking of us?

What do we/I need to do? What do I need to do change in the way I walk upon the earth?



Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life.

Laudato Si 207



Pope Francis called on all people to be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and to cherish the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.

And so we pray...

Triune God, wondrous community of infinite love,
Teach us to contemplate you
In the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.
Give us grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.
Show us our place in this world as channels of your love
For all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness.

Pope Francis. Laudato Si.

