

AUG 4

Aug 9 International Day for Worlds Indigenous Peoples

“On this annual observance, let us commit to fully realizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the rights to self-determination and to traditional lands, territories and resources.” — *UN Secretary-General António Guterres*

Holy Spirit, fill us with the power and the courage to trust in you and to trust in others. Help us to trust in the deep wisdom and traditional knowledge that you have gifted to our Indigenous neighbours. Help us to accept the gift of learning from our neighbours that we may broaden and deepen our understanding of how to live together, to share resources, to put our complementary skills to work together, and most of all to build on our common desire to live in wholeness together as all of your peoples. We thank you for the blessing you have given us to know you better by getting to know our neighbours better in all of their diverse God-given beauty. *Uniting Church Canada*

AUG 11

Give thanks for Osprey Orielle Lake, founder of the Women's Earth and Climate action Network, who works tirelessly for women's leadership in climate solutions and the rights of indigenous women in this climate fight

God of Creation,

You created night and day.

You separated the sea from the sky.

You gave life to all living creatures and saw that it was good.

Help us to reconnect with the majesty of your creation.

AUG 18

give thanks for Tara Shine, who co-founded Plastic Free Kinsale, Ireland, to reduce plastic waste.

God of Love,

Fill us with your love for all creation.

Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear.

Inspire us to live simply and in harmony with creation.

Help us to be good stewards, caring for all creation with self-sacrificing and nurturing love.

AUG 25

Give thanks for Noelene Nabulivou, from Fiji, who harnesses the strength of women from the small Pacific Island states facing wipe-out by rising sea levels.

God of Compassion,

Breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer now

and the future generations who will suffer

because of our environmental irresponsibility.

Help us to put people before profit and 'being' before 'having'.

SEPTEMBER 1

Creation Day and Ocean Sunday

Are you a sea person? Do you have a sense of excitement when you plunge into the ocean? Or are the deep sea waters a fearsome sight? Are you fascinated by the millions of hidden species living deep in the ocean? Is the ocean an expression of infinity, the deep mystery of God's presence?

Creator God Your eternal power is seen in the whole web of life Your voice is heard in the beauty of Creation, Rooted in your love may we worship you with all your creatures And work to protect our common home Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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SAVE THE WORLD

13th, 14th + 15th September, 2019
at Brisbane Showgrounds
Angligrreen will be there

SEPTEMBER 8

Fauna and Flora Sunday

What creatures of the wild fascinate you? Polar bears? Pandas? Antelopes? Ants? Do you have a sense of kinship with any of them, or do they seem distant, strange and alien? Would you like to understand wild creatures? What might you discuss with them?

Proverbs 6.6-8: Go to the ant, you lazybones, Consider its ways and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler It prepares its food in summer And gathers its sustenance in harvest.

Loving God you formed us as part of the web of all Creation make us mindful of the consequences of our lifestyle choices; challenge us to a simpler lifestyle: and fill us with compassion for those who are most vulnerable For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Brisbane - September 20 Global Climate Strike

WHEN

September 20, 2019 at 1pm - 3pm

WHERE

Queens Gardens, Brisbane

SEPTEMBER 15

Storm Sunday

Throughout the Bible we not only meet storms of various kinds, but also occasions where God makes God's presence felt through a storm. Are storms simply expressions of God's power or something more? If we were to listen to all the elements of a storm or watch the ways of a storm, might we learn something about the very nature of creation and God's presence in creation.

Creator God you have created the community of life May we give thanks for the holiness and wonder of all that you have created and fulfil your call on our lives to be keepers and healers of your Earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SEPTEMBER 22

Cosmos Sunday

What kind of God do you discern when you peer into the distant galaxies of the cosmos? Earth may be but a speck of stardust in the cosmos, but are the myriad of mysteries in the smallest life-form on Earth any less staggering? Where is God in this world of amazing worlds?

Loving God you created a world with enough for all our needs, but not enough for all our greed. Help us to challenge structures of injustice to commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with the poor and to bring hope to those who are sinking in despair through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

SEPTEMBER 29

The life and work of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of the environment and animals, is celebrated Oct 4

Creator God, we give you thanks for your creation, which St. Francis loved so much. Help us, like him, to see ourselves as part of your creation and apart from it. And may we work tirelessly for the care of the earth, our common home. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer