



CCOW Guide to Time for Creation Resources (2014)

for more general information on worship resources relating to the environment go to our "[Praying and Preaching about the Environment](#)" webpage. Links to many of the materials below – and others- can also be found on the [World Council of Churches' Time for Creation page](#).

Complete Services

- CTBI's UK resources this year have the theme "God, whose hand is all creation". An ecumenical group gathered by Eco Congregation Scotland created them, using a [lectionary for Creation Time prepared by the Diocese of Bath and Wells](#). For each Sunday, the resources include background information, sermon notes, prayers, ideas for a children's talk, and ideas for hymns. CTBI also offers [previous years' Time for Creation materials](#) and a [general environmental resources collection](#) with links to a variety of services and service outlines. (item 14)
- Given the theme, you might want to look at the [Arthur Rank Centre's](#) brilliant ecumenical collection of worship materials on agricultural themes or the [resources for the agricultural year produced by the Church of England](#).
- The [World Council of Churches](#) has a [large collection of resources for Time for Creation](#), with the theme "Joining the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace." These include the United Evangelical Mission's "[Climate Spirituality](#)" leaflet, in which church leaders from Germany, Tanzania and Indonesia offer materials for services on the theme Land, Water, Air and Power.
- [Season of Creation 1](#), [Season of Creation 2](#) and (new!) [Season of Creation 3](#) are collections from the [Anglican Church of Southern Africa](#), drawing on material from around the world. Season of Creation 1 contains six complete liturgies based around a "lectionary for the season," which focuses each week on a different area (land, water, biodiversity, etc) Each week's materials also contain resources for small-group study. Season of Creation 3 has sermon notes, background information, and prayers for five services with the themes of climate change, eco-justice, water, creation and redemption and biodiversity.
- The [Australian website Season of Creation](#) takes the theme "The Spirit in Creation" and has four services: Forest Sunday, Land Sunday, Wilderness/Outback Sunday, and River Sunday, as well as a liturgy for the blessing of animals on 5 October.
- The new website, [Let All Creation Praise](#), gathers together Time for Creation materials from around the world. These include its own sermon suggestions for Forest, Land, Wilderness and River Sundays.
- We'd still recommend Christian conservation organisation [A Rocha's](#) 2013 [resource pack entitled "Home"](#). It includes service outline, prayers, children's activities, sermon notes and small group materials. A Rocha has also created "[At your service](#)" a website with worship materials on creation themes – at present these focus primarily on the theme "what a wildly wonderful world."
- [The United Church of Canada](#) has also put together a series of services, correlated with the Revised Common Lectionary years, but using themes (delighting in creation, wisdom etc) rather than the Revised Common Lectionary readings.

Prayers and Prayer Collections *(see also resources under Complete Services)*

- Intercessory prayers on the Creation Time theme from CTBI ([pdf](#), [doc](#))
- CTBI's "[Creation Time: Additional Resources](#)" page has all kinds of prayers, gathered from many different sources, as does the [Arthur Rank Centre's searchable collection](#) of worship materials.
- [Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation](#) from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
- John Birch's [Celtic-style Harvest liturgies](#) fit well with this year's theme, as do some of the prayers in his collection of [prayers relating to Creation](#) (take a look at "God of harvest, gardener supreme ...")
- "[God of Life, lead us to act,](#)" a prayer by Bishop Reuel Norman O Marizga, of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Further Sermon Notes, Reflections and Presentations *(see also resources under Complete Services)*

- [Ten Themes for Sermons on Environmental Justice](#), from Steve de Gruchy.
- The World Council of Churches has a variety of reflections on the theme "God of life, lead us to justice and peace". You might wish to take a look, for example, at the ones by [Bishop Sofie Peterson, the first Inuit bishop of the Danish Lutheran Church](#), and the [Revd Dr Simon Kossi Dossou](#), of the Protestant Methodist Church in Benin.
- [Pastoral Letter on the Environment from the Anglican Abp of Kenya](#), the Most Revd Eliud Wabukala.
- [Theology, Climate Change and Justice](#), Reflection by Bishop Geoff Davies, Southern Africa Faith Communities' Environment Institute.
- [Reflection on creation, interdependence and spirituality](#), from the URC's Revd David Tatem.

Study Materials and Resource Collections

- [The Anglican Communion Environmental Network](#) has a comprehensive gathering of prayers, reflections, meditations, action documents and more.
- As noted above, [Season of Creation 1](#) and [Season of Creation 2](#) from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and [Home](#) from A Rocha contain material for group study sessions.
- The [Agriculture and Theology Project](#) is a vital resource: you might want to use their new free download of Margot and Martin Hodson's "Climate Change, Faith and Rural Communities" or the forthcoming look at a theology of agriculture, "Honey and Thistles," for study.
- [Christine Sine's "Godspace"](#) offers reflections and prayers on God, Creation, and gardening.
- [Agency, Sin and Grace: Protestant Perspectives on Mission and the Earth Crisis](#), by Steve de Gruchy. Not the easiest of reads, but divides well into sections and would make an interesting basis for group study.

Events

Numerous churches and groups in our area are scheduling environmental events during Time for Creation. To find out more, go to our [events calendar](#).

CCOW can help you with liturgical materials for different occasions. Look for seasonal guides on our website, or, if you have a specific request, get in touch: coordinator@ccow.org.uk or 01235 850267.