## How Can Your Church or School Celebrate Season of Creation?

- Find out more information about Season of Creation from the Season of Creation webpage: <a href="https://seasonofcreation.org">https://seasonofcreation.org</a>
- Consider holding a special Season of Creation service (maybe outdoors). A liturgy can be downloaded from the Celebration Guide on the Season of Creation webpage.
- Incorporate prayers and songs for creation in your services during September.
- Organise a display of artworks or photos depicting creation.
- Include information on taking care of the environment and/or prayers for the environment in your newsletters during September.
- Hold a bible study on creation care during Season of Creation, or encourage home groups to look at Creation Care.
- Publicise and encourage members of your community to download the Season of Creation App.



# **Queensland Churches Environmental Network**

(QCEN)

### What is QCEN

QCEN is a commission of Queensland Churches Together and aims to respond to the Church's mission to love and care for creation as a vital expression of faith. Current members of QCEN come from the Anglican, Lutheran, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Uniting church.

### What does QCEN do?

- Acts as a resource and advisory group for QCT in matters relating to Environmental Care.
- Shares information and resources for the care of creation
- Promotes eco-mission as an integral part of the Church's mission.
- Encourages and enables ecumenical action for earthcare.



More information on QCEN can be found on the QCT website

https://qct.org.au/what-we-do/queensland-churches-environmental-network



### What is Season of Creation?

Season of Creation is a global movement that invites Christians to celebrate, pray and act to protect creation.

It is an opportunity for Christians throughout the world to renew their relationship with God's creation.

### When is Season of Creation?

Every year from 1st September - 4th October

Season of Creation starts on the World Day of Prayer for Creation (1st September) and ends on the feast day for St Francis of Assisi.



Each year Season of Creation takes a different theme based on a verse from the bible.

### **Season of Creation theme for 2025:**

Peace with Creation

Biblical Text: Isaiah 32:14-18

Symbol: Garden of Peace



## QCEN Season of Creation Service



Special outdoor Season of Creation service. 1st September, 12pm at Lychee Tree Lawn, Mount Coot-tha Botanical gardens. All welcome. Bring along a chair.

## **Contemplative Walk**

QCEN have created a contemplative walk based around the Botanical Gardens. The walk contains eight stops. For each stop there is a short bible reading and reflection or prayer. The booklet for the walk can be downloaded from the QCT webpage at

https://qct.org.au/images/pdfs/Mt Coot-tha walk with directions.pdf

God of the land, the sea, the sky:
Creator of all that is seen and unseen.
Open our hearts to the rhythm of Creation in the swells of the ocean, the movements of air and wind, the breath of all living things.
Open our eyes to the fragile beauty of the biodiversity of which we are a part.
Open our ears to the sounds of life around us.
Open our minds to the awareness of our deep relationship with all your Creation.

Prayer from Season of Creation Service 2024

## Season of Creation **ART DISPLAY**









Each year QCEN invites submissions of creative works to display at St John's Cathedral. We accept any creative output you are keen to share! This can include prayers, videos, poems, short stories, photos, drawings, paintings, art, music - anything creative! We also particularly welcome contributions from children.

All submissions are displayed on the QCEN facebook page and most are exhibited at St John's cathedral throughout Season of Creation.

For more information on how to submit an artwork please email admin@qct.org.au



We now have a good collection of photos from past exhibitions. Please contact QCT if you would like to organise a loan of the photos for a local display.



### **Season of Creation Devotional App**

### **About the Devotional**

QCEN have produced a special devotional to help people celebrate Season of Creation. For each day, there is a bible verse, reflection, saying and prayer.

QCEN sought contributions for the devotional from a wide range of people, from different denominations and backgrounds, from all over Australia. The variety gives the devotions an incredible depth. At the same time, although each devotion is different, they all manage to portray a sense of awe at the wonder of creation. The devotions remind the reader of the interconnectedness of creation, of the peace we can feel when being in nature, and the beauty that is all around us.

### How to Access the Devotional

**By App** through the Apple Store or google store just search for Season of Creation.

By PDF Free download here

https://qct.org.au/images/QCEN/SoCDevotionsScreenVersion.pdf

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