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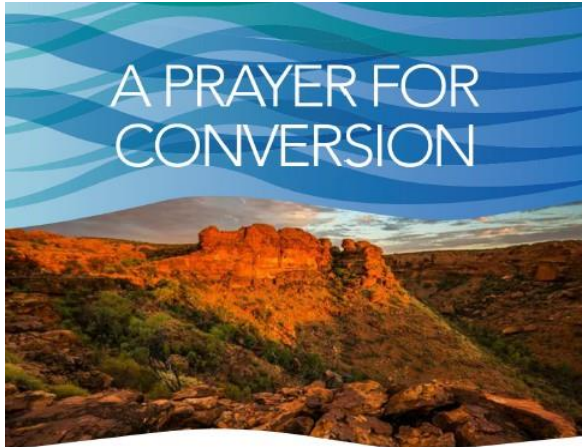
Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Commission

THE CARMELITES OF AUSTRALIA AND TIMOR LESTE

*Health in the Lord and the Blessing of the Holy Spirit..[ Rule of Saint Albert  
Saudavel iha Maromak no grasa Spirtu Santo Nian . [Regula Sto Alberto]*

**SEASONS  
OF  
CREATION**

**1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER – 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – Week 4**



*...we are invited into ongoing conversion to  
transform our outlook and actions to be in accord  
with the loving presence of God at the heart of all  
reality, to be attentive to the beauty in all things,  
to recognise Christ in the stranger, and to hear and  
respond to the cry of the earth.*

Ever present God,  
Giver and sustainer of everything that has life,  
maker and fulfilment of all that exists,  
although we fail to respect your creation,  
listen to the prayers of our heart:

We too are creatures,  
turn our hearts to your love and care for all  
creation.  
With you we gave names to all living things.  
Turn our minds to your vision of the heavens and  
the earth.  
We live off the bounty of earth, sea and sky.  
Turn our hands to your stewardship.

Through Christ, in whom all things are made and  
held in being,  
we pray for the power of your Spirit:  
to transform our words and actions,  
to care more deeply for all creatures,  
to save what is threatened,  
to mourn what is lost,  
to seek Christ in the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor,  
and to give glory to your name through all creation.  
AMEN.

### ***EXTRACTS from the the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22 ....Cry Of The Earth, Cry Of The Poor***

The call to care for creation goes to the heart of what it means to be human before God and in the world. It requires a profound conversion expressed in new ways of living, both personally and collectively.

What seeds of change can we water today?

Pope Francis invites us to conversion:

“The state of our common home calls us to a ‘profound interior conversion, whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in our relationship with the world around us’. It is not just a matter of awareness or changing our minds, but a shift at the level of the heart and will, that results in changed action.

“To achieve reconciliation with creation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God’s creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart”. Lament, repentance, the effort to repair damage done, and the transformation of behaviour – these are elements of a process of conversion.

We are called to a renewed way of understanding the cosmos and humanity – a new vision of what it is to be a human being before God and in the world. It calls us to a new spirituality, or way of understanding and expressing our relationship with the Divine in our lives. To bring about lasting change, it must also be a ‘community conversion’.

We are being called to a new way of thinking, feeling, understanding and living; to a more humbler, more sustainable way. An ecological conversion entails an economic conversion.

*“... a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximising their efficient use, reusing and recycling them.”*

## REFLECT ON NATURE through this musical meditation

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD .... David Attenborough

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8WHKRzkCOY>

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LEADING THE WAY - POPE FRANCIS

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BT\\_GOiKRovY&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BT_GOiKRovY&feature=youtu.be)

## CALL TO ACTION/CONVERSION ... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD ?

*What is needed is a politics which is far-sighted and capable of a new, integral and interdisciplinary approach to handling the different aspects of the (climate) crisis. Pope Francis LS 197*

Shortly we will be called to elect our new council, a new Federal government and in 2023 a new State government. By 2030 the world must achieve at least 50% reduction in emissions to avoid climate crisis. When you vote in all these elections, measure the candidate's fitness for office by the criteria set by Francis. You can do no greater service for our common home than this. Encourage your family and friends to vote similarly. We need a far-sighted approach far more than we need nuclear submarines. (Peter Clarke)

## THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE: Some humanitarian insights from the latest IPCC report ... Pablo Suarez, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Miriam Nielsen, Maarten van Aalst; The Hague, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre.

(This summary is forwarded to us by the Carmelite NGO)

### Many different bad things will likely go wrong at once



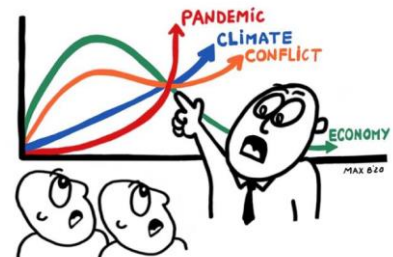
If the pandemic wipes out the locusts, and the floods take care of the drought, then we may not have to take any action at all.

Monitoring and dealing with such compound extreme events will require humanitarians, scientists, funders, and other stakeholders to set up and nurture systems that link early warning with early action.

Importantly, we know that climate is one of many stressors affecting those at risk. Extreme events often interact with other sources of tension. The prospect of more complex emergencies requires new levels of collaboration.

The IPCC says: "With further global warming, every region is projected to increasingly experience concurrent and multiple changes in climatic impact-drivers."

We have already seen too many manifestations of this pattern: extreme heat compounded by forest fires, exceptional droughts followed by flash floods, and more - often placing an impossible burden on disaster responders.



- The disasters are collaborating better than we are!

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## CALL TO PRAYER- October 3: Opening Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 2pm

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. AMEN.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.