

“Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.” Pope Francis (Laudato Si’, 13)

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A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Each year, Pope Francis declares September 1st to October 4th to be the ***Season of Creation***....a time for our Christian family to unite in a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect Mother Earth, our common home.

This year, the theme for the season is '***Let Justice and Peace Flow***'. Just like when the Prophet Amos shouted, '*Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-ending stream!*' (Amos 5:24), it is our time to act. Parts of our world (our own country) are burning, others are flooding, hurricanes are coming stronger and faster....what will it take for us to recognize the sacredness of nature? What will happen to us if we continue to try to squeeze out every last drop of oil, gas and coal from our earth? Are you ready to say, 'enough!'

How many of us, during our lifetime, have prayed to God for 'peace on earth'? The longer we live, the more we become aware that we cannot achieve peace *on* this earth, until we are at peace *with* this earth. And there will be no peace, unless there is also justice.

So let each of us can be part of that mighty river of peace and justice! The first step is to become aware of what is happening right now, in our world. The links below hold a lot of valuable and important information. Please take the time, over the next days and weeks, to click on each with open hearts and minds, praying always for peace and justice for all.

- [Fossil Fuels](#) (80% of today's energy still comes from oil, gas and coal)
- [Plastics](#) (less than 11% of Canada's plastics get recycled)