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## Season of Creation

**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**



The Season of Creation for 2025 began on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

It is ten years since Pope Francis released his encyclical, *Laudato si'* – “*On Care for Our Common Home*”.

Right now, the Cry of Creation seems louder than ever. Conflict abounds in our world. With it comes devastation of our people and of our environment.

Let us pause in silent contemplation and lament for our world which needs us to be at peace with creation.



### Upcoming in October

- 4<sup>th</sup> Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feast Day of Saint Ursula
- 28<sup>th</sup> All Hallows' Day

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## Our Mission

*Our mission is to contribute to the emergence of a world where the healing, liberating and life-giving mercy of God is experienced.\**

Our mission as Mercy Partners is perhaps more important than ever. Our people and our earth are yearning to experience the life-giving mercy of God. The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are the one cry.

This reality calls for a practical theology. An integrated, hope-filled praxis which combines contemplation with compassion.

Contemplation – silence, prayer, stillness – centers us, restores harmony to our soul, renews and nourishes us such that we become unreservedly kind. Ever merciful.

Compassion is the fruit of our contemplation. *“Compassion is not a nice sentiment; it is not pietism; it is creating new bonds with others. And taking responsibility for them”.* Pope Francis

Who are the ‘others’ referenced in this quote?

Undoubtedly, they are the family and the land in the image below; people and places everywhere suffering from injustice, oppression, degradation and trauma.

### Act for Creation

As humble, faithful people, we ask, *“What are we to do?”*

- We must heed the call to be the hope and mercy of God in our world, to be at peace with creation.
- We must act for creation.



\*Mission Statement Mercy Partners

\*\*Image: United Nations Relief Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East UNRWA. Accessed September 2025