



# Green Churches Network

## SEASON OF CREATION 2017

### Sunday

#### RECYCLE

*Strengthen us, Lord, to give our lives rather than to possess the whole planet.*

Matt. 16:21-28



### Monday

Donate 50¢ for each plastic bag in the house.

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### Tuesday

Your old electronics are hazardous waste. Take them to a drop-off point.

epra.ca



### Wednesday

Each Canadian province has a household hazardous waste collection program.

#HazardousWaste

### Thursday

Donate 50¢ for each disposable dish and cutlery item used during the month.

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### Friday

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Genesis 1

Sept. 1



### Saturday

Take a photo of one of the beauties of God's Creation and share it!

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#### REUSE

*Help us, Lord, to live honourably and not to succumb to hyperconsumerism.*

Romans 13:8-14



Have you tried using cloth hankies and grocery bags? Discover their economical and ecological advantages!

#Reusable



Donate \$2 if your cell phone is less than 2 years old.

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Use your empty yogourt containers as paint cans. Check out the many new reuse tips on the internet.

#LifeHacks



Feast of the Holy Cross *Thank you, Father, for having so loved this planet that you gave your only Son.*

John 3:13-17



Donate 50¢ for each piece of paper only used on one side.

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Which item will you reuse instead of throwing away? Share it in a photo!

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#### REDUCE

*Blessed are you, O Lord! I will forget none of your good works.*

Psalms 104:1-13



Donate 50¢ for each water bottle thrown away in a month.

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LED lighting uses 4 times less energy and lasts 40 times longer. A bright idea!

#LED



Hints for saving water: take quick showers; install rain barrels and use a broom on driveways.

#SavingWater



Donate \$2 if you use only the car for most of your trips.

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Car Free Day Find alternative transportation to church this Sunday.

#CarFreeDay



What do you do to limit unnecessary consumerism? Share a photo!

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#### REPAIR

*Lord, help me to see; for the last to deface the environment are the first to suffer the consequences.*

Matt. 20:1-16



What do you do about a tear in your clothing or if you lose a button? Do you throw away or do you repair it?

#Resew



Donate \$1 for every item you have thrown away instead of repairing during the past year.

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Older people know how to repair furniture and lawn mowers. Younger people can fix computer problems. Long live mutual help!

#Repair



Buy fair-trade coffee and repair relations with small coffee producers in the South.

#FairTrade



Donate \$1 for each article of clothing thrown away during the last year.

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Share a photo of something you have repaired!

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#### REVERE

*O Lord, teach me your paths so that I may take better care of your Creation.*

Ps 25:1-9



Donate 50¢ for each time you forgot to say grace last week.

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Prepare for Thanksgiving by composing a short prayer thanking God for the fruits of the earth.

#FruitsOfTheEarth



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of ecologists. Let's live like him with simplicity and joy!

#StFrancis



## Caring for God's Creation

[creation.greenchurches.ca](http://creation.greenchurches.ca)

Thanksgiving Give thanks to our loving God for plentiful harvests.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Monday





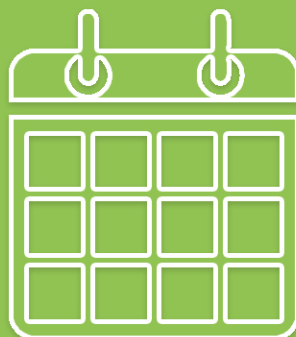


## Prayer for the 2017 Season of Creation

Creator God, who breathes life into each creature, give us the wisdom to comprehend the fragile equilibrium in which we subsist and the courage to change our habits so as to better safeguard your Creation. Amen.

## How Do I Use This Calendar?

Thanks to the tips found here, thousands of Canadian Christians will be able to reduce their ecological footprint during the 2017 Season of Creation. The resulting reduction of wastage and pollution will render our environment even more beautiful. Sharing these hashtags (#) in the virtual world will impact the real world.



## How Can I Make A Donation?

Decorate a recycled container to store the donations you make during the Season of Creation. On October 1st, put these Creation Care gifts into an envelope marked "Green Churches" and confide it to the designated person in your church. These funds will be used for ecological action, environmental education and Creation-centred spirituality.

If your church does not have such a designated person, you can make out a cheque for the collected sum to "Green Churches" and send it to the address below or you may donate the amount online at: [creation.greenchurches.ca](http://creation.greenchurches.ca). You will thus be sent a tax receipt.

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