



28th August 2026

Invitation to be part of a Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service

Dear Faith Leaders,

Cordial greetings on behalf of the Commission for Ecumenism and the Archdiocesan Office for Environment of the Archdiocese of Bombay!

For this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, I invite you and the members of your Christian community to join us in celebrating our relationship with our Creator, with each other, and with all creation by praying together.

We have organised an ecumenical prayer service based on the Season of Creation 2026 theme **Living Water**. It will be followed by time for interaction and fellowship. The logistical details are:

Date : Wednesday, 30th September 2026

Time : 5 PM to 6.45 PM

Venue : St John the Evangelist Church, Marol, Mumbai 400059

Once you confirm participation, we will get in touch so you could choose parts of the prayer service you would like to lead. A concept note is included for more information, and please reach out to us for any further details or clarifications.

I sincerely hope you and your community are able to join us in praying to our Creator. Inspired by the Spirit, may we become channels of living water.

In Christ,



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CONCEPT NOTE

Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service

The Season of Creation (SoC) is an annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of creation. The Season begins on September 1 (celebrated by some denominations as the World Day of Prayer for Creation and by some as the Feast of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). The SoC 2026 theme is **Living Water**, inspired from Ezekiel 47:9,12 – set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, as well as human responsibility towards the whole creation.

In collaboration with the Commission for Ecumenism and the generous support of the venue host, the Archdiocesan Office for Environment is organising an ecumenical prayer service based on the SoC 2026 theme. It will be followed by time for interaction and listening to the cry of those closest to water. Prayer service event details –

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Proposed Schedule

- Opening Words and Welcome
- Ecumenical Prayer Service (*as shortened from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2026*)
 - Call to Worship invoking the Holy Spirit
 - Thanksgiving for the Waters (adapted from existing Anglican and Lutheran prayers)
 - Lament and Absolution
 - Scripture Readings from the NRSV-UE:- Ezekiel 47:9-12 (theme text); Revelation 22:1-7 (mirrors theme text prophecy); John 7:37-39 (Jesus on living water)
 - Preaching or Participatory Reflection
 - An Affirmation of Faith (adapted from South India's Lutheran Theological College)
 - Intercessory Prayers
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - Blessing
- Gratitude, Fellowship and Dialogue

Participation Details

This ecumenical prayer service is open to Christian denominations, with special invitations extended to faith leaders and their communities of Orthodox Churches and mainline Protestant Churches in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

Those attending are to **register** by sending a WhatsApp message including their name, denomination and parish / community to the *Communications JPC* number **9076029298** latest by Sunday, 27th September. Faith leaders and/or their designated representatives are encouraged to confirm participation earlier for choice in leading parts of the prayer service.

May this ecumenical prayer service for the Season of Creation be a tangible sign of Christian unity and foster greater common witness.

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