

# CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI AND CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 17-24 MAY 2026

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[www.laudatosiweek.org](http://www.laudatosiweek.org) [www.churchunitycommission.org](http://www.churchunitycommission.org) [www.laudatosiactionplatform.org](http://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org).

**What are these 2 events for families in the Church year?** **Laudato Si** the 2015 document of Pope Francis on Care of Our Common Home can be celebrated in families, parishes and groups. It is a plea to take care of our world, to protect and not destroy it as we have been doing, by waste and pollution, especially plastic and air.

**What can we do?** MARFAM's focus is on BECOMING ECO-FRIENDLY FAMILIES e.g. by saving water, electricity, recycling and healthy eating. Change to a more plant-based diet. Learn about edible and medicinal plants, spekboom, amaranth/marog, moringa, dandelions ++. Join Laudato si Action Platform check LS week resources.

**Christian Unity Week.** In the southern hemisphere churches are invited to pray for and work towards growing unity and overcoming divisions in Christianity. Pope Leo has spoken to this, and unity between different religions, Christianity, Islam, Judaism ++ GOD LOVES EVERYONE EQUALLY and GOD LOVES EVERYTHING that God created, **What can we do?** Pray and Act. Pray with other Christians in church, families and groups, from simple prayer and bible sharing or a more formal prayer service – (program available from CUCommission).

## MARFAM RESOURCES and PRAYERS.

**MARFAM THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY & SACBC reflections** – on web, emailed, posted on facebook and whatsapp groups on 17-24 May.

## MARFAM ECO-AWARENESS BOOKLETS.

*FAMILIES CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION*

*BECOMING ECO-FRIENDLY FAMILIES*

*FAMILIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE*

Spekboom campaign leaflet and workshops. [www.marfam.org.za](http://www.marfam.org.za)



### DOING YOUR BIT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE? !

Plant a SPEKBOOM cutting, good for our ecosystem

- it is an indigenous, evergreen, easy to grow succulent
- its flowers attract insects and bees for pollination
- an environmental miracle worker, extracts carbon dioxide, fights climate change and air pollution.
- it is water wise, tolerates drought and frost.
- is edible – but very sour!, high in basic nutrients & Vitamins
- Juice or chop to add to salads, even ice-cream and smoothies
- Suck to quench thirst, soothe sunburn
- For medicinal purposes: antiseptic, skin ailments, chew for a sore throat & mouth infections.

Plus: #proudlysouthafrican.

Celebrate Spring and the Season of Creation. 17.09.2026

## SA CHURCH UNITY PRAYER. (In all SA languages from [www.churchunitycommission.org](http://www.churchunitycommission.org)) ENGLISH

Righteous and merciful God; we come to you in repentant hearts, teach us to do good, give us courage to seek justice for all and to seek a meaningful unity of the church

so that: ..... the oppressed may be liberated, the orphan and the widow may know justice

so that: .....peace, justice and love may prevail; through the one who is love, Jesus our redeemer, and in the power of the one whose fruit is love, the enabling Holy Spirit. Amen.



## LAUDATO SI PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH.

### A CHRISTIAN PRAYER IN UNION WITH CREATION. From Laudato Si'

God of love, show us our place in the world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money

that they may avoid the sin of indifference,

that they may love the common good, advance the weak and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

Seize us with your power and light,

help us to protect all life to prepare for a better future,

for the coming of your Kingdom, of just, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you. Amen.

