

# 2008 Care for Creation Calendar

Each week **PRAY**, **ACT** and **GIVE** for the care of God's world. Add coins as suggested to your Care for Creation container.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Some boxes suggest that you "take it further." Please see the long box below for ideas.

**5 ACT** Visit a park and enjoy God's Creation. Pick up garbage you find and divide it into *reuse*, *recycle*, and *dispose*. Consider how garbage could be reduced.

**6 GIVE** a gift of 50¢ for every tree in your yard or in your church yard.

**7 PRAY** Praise God for the gift of water in the world. *Take it further:* Research climate change and freshwater in Canada.

**8 ACT** Canada's average of family water consumption is 343 litres/day/person. Find ways to reduce your consumption.

**9 GIVE** 50¢ for each tap in your house; \$1 if they leak. *Take it further:* Learn about water use.

**10 PRAY** for the health of the environment. *Take it further:* Learn about Canada's per capita consumption of electricity and carbon emissions.

**11 ACT** Reflect on or discuss your energy consumption. How can you save energy? *Take it further:* Look into getting a home energy efficiency assessment.

**12 GIVE** 10¢ for every newspaper and every bottle of water in your house.

**13 PRAY** for those who care for Creation. *Take it further:* Re-Energize — sign the KAIROS pledge to reduce our personal and national dependence on fossil fuel.

**14 ACT** Spend time today cleaning up the schoolyard. Ask friends to help.

**15 GIVE** Make a poster for a church display about caring for Creation.

**16 PRAY** for the strength to make changes in your life to protect the environment. *Take it further:* Learn about carbon footprints.

**17 ACT** Plan a meal that uses food produced within 160 km of your church or house.

**18 GIVE** 10¢ for each electrical outlet in your house.

**19 PRAY** for the forests and land, their preservation and health.

**20 ACT** Use canvas bags for shopping or think of ways to eliminate the use of plastic bags.

**21 GIVE** 20¢ for each roll of paper towels, tin foil, or plastic or waxed wrap in your kitchen.

**22 PRAY** for those who struggle for peace and human rights.

**23 ACT** Learn how to be more environmentally friendly. *Take it further:* You might replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones.

**24 GIVE** 30¢ for every time the toilet is flushed in your house today. (*Have fun calculating this with your family!*)

**25 PRAY** for partners in Canada and around the world who are helping build a healthy world.

**26 ACT** Walk, ride a bike, or take the bus today to save on gasoline.

**27 GIVE** \$1 for each vehicle you have in your family.

**28 PRAY** that all God's people have free and equal access to water. *Take it further:* Learn more about water issues.

**29 ACT** Think about joining or forming an environmental committee at your church. Who might join you? What might you do?

**30 GIVE** 50¢ for each television, monitor, or DVD or CD player that you have in your home.

**31 PRAY** for a church partner listed on the reverse. *Take it further:* Learn about how fair trade agreements affect small farmers around the world.

**32 ACT** Write a request to your church council or board asking for an energy efficiency audit of your church. *Take it further:* Greening your worship space: [www.faith-commongood.net/gss/spaces.asp](http://www.faith-commongood.net/gss/spaces.asp)

**33 GIVE** a gift for work with global partners. Give 50¢ for every country you have ever visited.

**34 PRAY** for God's creatures. Talk about creatures that are endangered. Learn about your favourite animal and how human activity is affecting it.

**35 ACT** Write a letter to the government about how important it is that we care for God's Creation. See your church's website for tips on writing advocacy letters.

**36 GIVE** \$1 to celebrate each pet you have ever had.

**37 PRAY** for those who live in unhealthy or difficult conditions.

**38 ACT** Plan a home or church vegetable garden for the summer time. Submit a church plan to the appropriate committee.

**39 GIVE** 50¢ for each fridge or freezer in your house; 50¢ for a stove or microwave.

**40 PRAY** In gratitude for Creation, we give our gifts for its care and restoration, and to share in its goodness. Amen. *Offer your Care of Creation gifts in the worship service.*

**Take It Further Calendar Guide:**

- Day 7** Visit [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca); [www.ourclimate.ca](http://www.ourclimate.ca); or [www.faith-commongood.net](http://www.faith-commongood.net).
- Day 9** See [www.ec.gc.ca/water/en/manage/use/e\\_use.htm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/en/manage/use/e_use.htm)
- Day 10** Visit [www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca).

- Day 11** Visit [oe.nrcan.gc.ca](http://oe.nrcan.gc.ca) or call 1-800-622-6232 about a home ecoENERGY retrofit, Energy Star products, or EnerGuide
- Day 13** Link to [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org) for the Kairos Re-Energize campaign.
- Day 16** Carbon Footprint Calculator: [safeclimate.net/calculator](http://safeclimate.net/calculator) or [www.carbonfootprint.com](http://www.carbonfootprint.com)

- Day 23** Ask your local hydro company about saving energy. Visit [oe.nrcan.gc.ca](http://oe.nrcan.gc.ca). Check their Calendar Club.
- Day 28** Check water information at [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org).
- Day 31** Search your church website for food justice or go to [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org) or [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca)

\* This calendar has been designed for use during Lent, but can be used at any time of the year that suits your church's program. If you use it during Lent, begin on Ash Wednesday and present your gifts with others for the work of the church on Palm Sunday.