Ideas for Laudato Sì Week:

<http://laudatosiweek.org/index.php/project/ideas-laudato-si-week-events/>

1. Join an interfaith event as part of the **Sacred Earth, Sacred Trust** celebration on June 12th
   1. Pledge to join Sacred Earth and call for governments to push for 1.5**°**C: <http://sacredearth2016.org/>The world leaders have adopted Paris Agreement to reduce emission is fixed around 2**°**C, but experts arguefor a vital push for 1.5**°**C as a true upper limit. This seemingly small difference would prevent well over 100 million people from losing their homes due to droughts, floods, sea level rise and devastating storms
2. Convene a Green Mass or prayer service on the theme of care for creation
   1. [Prayers of the Faithful](http://laudatosiweek.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-for-Laudato-Si%E2%80%99-Week-1.pdf)
   2. [Guided Rosary on Caring for Creation](https://franciscanaction.org/sites/default/files/C4C%20Guided%20Rosary.pdf)
   3. [Bulletin inserts with quotes from Laudato Sì](http://catholicclimatemovement.global/bulletin-inserts-on-climate-in-english-spanish-and-french/) (English, Spanish, and French)
   4. Announce a green initiative in one’s community. Few suggestions:
      1. Local advocacy campaign for clean energy
      2. Planting trees
      3. Painting Laudato Sì murals
3. Host an educational workshop on Laudato Sì and the environmental crisis
   1. [Discussion guide](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-discussion-guide.pdf) from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Includes materials for prayer, reflection and discussion, and ideas to help Catholics respond to Pope Francis’ message
   2. [Guide for youth workshop activities](http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/28501/307270/version/4/Laudato%20Si%20youth%20final2.pdf) by CAFOD
      1. [Short animation](http://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-schools/Laudato-Si-animation) to introduce Laudato Sì
      2. Reflection on a quote from Laudato Sì:

“The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves” Laudato Sì, 84.

* + 1. **A Prayer for Our Earth** published in Pope Francis’ encyclical letter

*All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of you love, that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with your peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace. Amen.*

* 1. More on [Laudato Si educational resources,](http://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudatosi/) including Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, videos and animation, readings and guides, other recent statements on climate change and ecology

1. Organize an action in a place of pollution to highlight local environmental problems. Few suggestions:
   1. Artistic event
   2. Flash mob
   3. Demonstrations
2. Host a [Catholic Climate Petition drive](http://catholicclimatemovement.global/petition/toolkit/) after the Sunday masses. Few suggestions:
   1. Share the video “[The Pope’s Call to Defend Mother Earth](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuSp-APSl8E&feature=youtu.be)”
   2. Sign the Catholic Climate Petition:<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/petition/>
   3. [Sample bulletin and mass announcements](https://catholicclimatemovement.global/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/SampleAnnouncementsforBulletinandMass1.pdf)
   4. [Sample letter](../Downloads/SampleLettertoBishop-.docx) to reach out to local bishops
3. Organize a potluck with locally-sourced produce to implement the changes identified in Laudato Sì