February 26
Ash Wednesday
Let’s honour our loving Creator and God and ask for our common home.

February 27
Watch an animation video For Our Common Home! What can you do to care for the Earth and its peoples?

February 28
Do you buy things you don’t need? Learn the difference between needs and wants so you can be a smart consumer! Discover the fun group activity.

February 29
Can you reduce your use of disposable packaging (oven receptacles)? Donate 25¢ for every item you bring to your recycling bin.

March 1
1st Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, be with us in our commitment to care for Our Common Home and all its inhabitants.

March 2
Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is central to our faith and the work of Development and Peace. Each Monday, discover a CST principle and learn how it helps build the Kingdom of God.

March 3
Sign our intergenerational pledge to Our Common Home! Let’s all commit to live simply.

March 4
Indigenous and traditional peoples in the Amazon are threatened for their land and water. Let us pray for them.

March 5
The Amazon is home to 1 in 4 of the Earth’s forests. How can we better protect our forests and their guardians?

March 6
It’s baking time! With family and friends, make muffins and sell them in support of Development and Peace.

March 7
“Ithaka”, by Homer
Let us pray for the women who courageously defend the land, water, and people. Learn about Berta Cáceres or Sr. Dorothy Stang.

March 8
International Women’s Day
Bring your jar of donations or give online to the Solidarity Sunday collection or give at: devp.org/give

March 9
Preferential Option for the Poor
Each person has the right to thrive, like water, food, and shelter. We also have the responsibility to ensure those rights. And don’t forget the rights of the Earth!

March 10
Safeguarding!
Buy ugly fruits and vegetables. They are better for the planet. Donate $1 to your Solidarity Sunday collection or give online at: devp.org/give

March 11
In 50 years, will we be able to breathe money, drink oil and eat pasta? This is what告之 Pachá, member of the Harakbut Indigenous community in Peru, is asking companies using the Amazon for profit. Pray for ecological justice all over the world.

March 12
Indigenous peoples believe that Mother Earth must be respected. Learn more about the Harakbut’s relationship with nature and their vision of the world.

March 13
Can you say: Rahulmatima khabwā kash The means, let us take care of the Mother Earth” in Cree. What kind of relationship do you have with mother nature?

March 14
The Amazon spreads over 9 countries. Development and Peace works in 6 of them. Visit our website to find out which ones support and give 50¢ to each country.

March 15
3rd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, help the whole human family care for our planet Earth, so that we may live beauty rather than pollution and destruction.

March 16
Human dignity As God’s children, we are all made in His image. This means we have an inherent dignity that must be respected no matter where we come from or how much money we have.

March 17
7 Simple Changes can help reduce pollution and slow global warming. During Lent, avoid single-use plastics and buy in bulk. Give 25¢ for every reusable bag your family owns.

March 18
The Indigenous Mura people in the Brazilian Amazon live by fishing, hunting, and gathering. Their sustainable way of life is threatened by a Canadian-financed mine. Pray for them and their future.

March 19
The Muris are also threatened by cattle ranching. The buffalos are their territory. How would you feel if this happened to you and your family?

March 20
The Muris were not asked when a company made plans to mine on their territory? Would you feel if this happened to you and your family?

March 21
Give $2 to support Development and Peace partners, such as REMAP and CRH, who are helping Indigenous communities have their rights respected.

March 22
Give $5 to support Development and Peace partners, such as REMAP and CRH, who are helping Indigenous communities have their rights respected.

March 23
Solidarity Our common home has global dimensions. We are all in this together and as such, we are all part of a human family that is interconnected. Development and Peace stands with our partners as equals.

March 24
In many countries, mining companies dump toxic chemicals into the water, which contaminates the soil where people grow their food. Some of the metals mined are in our electronic devices. For each one in your house, give 50¢.

March 25
The porangueiras are artisanal rubber tappers in Brazil who have lived in harmony with nature for decades. Their rubber trees are now being cut down by logging companies. Pray that their sustainable way of life is preserved.

March 26
The porangueiras are defending their land against illegal logging. Watch their testimonial.

March 27
Traditional rubber tapping can be a significant source of income. How can you support these women?

March 28
In many countries, poor people have their land taken away. Our partner CPT in Brazil is helping them claim what is their right to have access to land. Donate $2 to show your support.

March 29
Palm Sunday
Lent, Jesus, give us the courage to be advocates for those who suffer unjust situations.

March 30
Rights and Responsibilities
Each person has the right to access what we need to thrive, like water, food, and shelter. We also have the responsibility to ensure those rights. And don’t forget the rights of the Earth!

March 31
Would you like to grow your own tomatoes, zucchini, or peppers this summer? Now would be the time to start your indoor seeding!

April 1
Everyone has the right to a dignified life. It is our responsibility to respect our neighbours and our common home. Pray that we may all live in dignity, peace and security.

April 2
Second Chance Sunday School students are speaking up for the planet. Find out what they have to say!

April 3
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April 4
Do you have enough toys? For Easter, ask your next best friend what they need. Lent is a time to give books, toys, and food to children in need in the Global South.

April 5
Palm Sunday
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April 6
Easter Sunday
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April 7
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April 8
Holy Thursday
Did you know that Pope Francis wrote a letter about our common home? Learn more on his encyclical Laudato Si’. By watching this animated video.

April 9
Good Friday
Pope Francis is asking us to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. As we walk with Christ to Calvary today, let’s reflect on how those cries are interconnected.

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April 11
Easter Monday
Let us pray: “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” For the next three weeks, let’s all be like Jesus, who will be doing the right thing each day.

April 12
Happy Easter! on April 12 and 13
Let us celebrate our Easter People, who help you usher in a sustainable way of life is threatened by a Canadian-financed mine. Pray for them and their future.

April 13
Holy Tuesday
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April 14
Good Friday
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April 15
Happy Easter!
Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your rising, may we be your joyful Easter People, who help you usher in a kingdom where all may live the abundance of life.

Thank you for your solidarity!
Meet Susan Mariela
14 years old

"Hi! My name is Susan Mariela and I’m from Puerto Luz, Peru, which is in the Amazon. I speak the Harakbut language and am happy to come from an Indigenous community, I like how different we are. The Amazon, for me, is important. It's where I come from and where I feel at home. I'm always surrounded by animals and fruit trees, and I'm constantly learning new things.

I can see that contamination is increasing and logging is becoming excessive. Oil extraction is also polluting our rivers. I think people don’t realize they are hurting others with their actions. There are Indigenous people who go out and fish but find the waterways polluted. They can’t find drinking water or places to wash.

I want us to protect nature. My community and I are asking that we all take care of the forest. Please spread the word and let others know about us. We Indigenous peoples need to ensure that our way of life will not be destroyed and our people will not become extinct.”

In Peru, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is working with the Amazon Center of Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP) to protect the Amazon rainforest and the rights of its Indigenous communities.

See what Susan Mariela and her peers at the Santa Cruz school in Puerto Maldonado, Peru, have to say about the Amazon and our common home.

Let’s play!

1. What are the threats to the Amazon? Circle all correct answers:
A. Cattle ranching
B. Industrial agriculture
C. Logging and deforestation
D. Mining
E. Hydroelectric dams

Answers:
1. A, B, C, D, E
2. In red: B, D, E, I, K, L
   In green: A, C, F, G, H, J

2. How can we live more simply? Colour in red what you and your family can do less or use less. Colour in green what you can try to do more often.

   A. Ride a bike
   B. Take your car everywhere
   C. Ride the bus
   D. Take a plane
   E. Eat lots of meat
   F. Eat local fruits and vegetables
   G. Take quick showers (and don’t overfill your bath)
   H. Recycle your well-rinsed containers
   I. Update electronics as soon as you can
   J. Reuse - Repair
   K. Buy many things (more than you need)
   L. Waste leftover food

Lent calls us to three actions: praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

**Praying**
We pray to grow closer to God - the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.

**Fasting**
We fast from things that distract us from God, or make a sacrifice to give up things we enjoy.

**Almsgiving**
We give alms because we are inspired by God’s love for every part of His creation. We respond with charity – helping others in their need – and with justice – bringing transformation into systems, policies, and ourselves. We do this in participation with God, to build His kingdom on Earth.

The Earth is full of beauty and wonder and of one of its natural wonders is the Amazon rainforest. The Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest, spanning nine countries in South America. It is home to half of all living plants and animals on the planet, and to more than 30 million people, of whom three million are Indigenous. The Amazon also helps to cool the planet and plays an important role in limiting climate change.

Yet, the Amazon and its people are under threat. Big companies want its natural resources because they can sell them or use them to make other products. They are building highways and railroads, cutting down trees and polluting the waterways. Indigenous and traditional peoples are trying to protect the Amazon, which is important for all of us, but they are facing intimidation, persecution and violence.

This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to stand in solidarity with the guardians of the Amazon, as we care for our common home.

Let’s put our love for the world and our love for our neighbours into action by living in harmony and caring for nature.

Journey down the Amazon River with our Solidarity Calendar to learn, think, pray and act throughout the period of Lent!