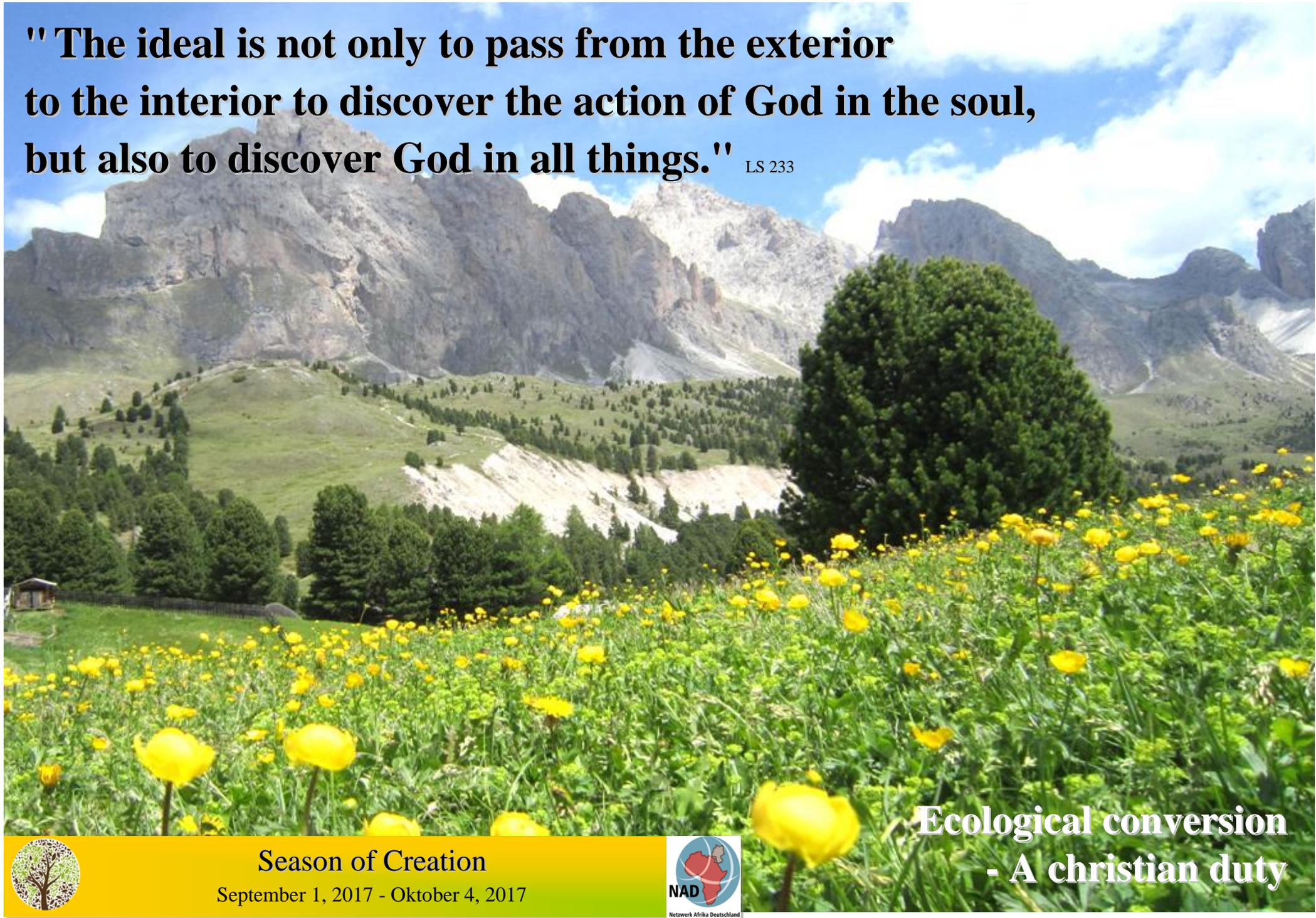


**" The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things." LS 233**



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*Integrity of creation, the protection of the environment, to live in harmony with nature: these are not hobbies of some exotic freaks. They are part and parcel of our faith in a God who has entrusted his creation to us in order to ‘cultivate it and care for it’. Our care for creation must not remain a pious thought, or an academic discussion. An ‘ecological conversion’ must shape our daily decisions and relationships.*

*Some texts from Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’:*

**Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork  
is essential to a life of virtue;  
it is not an optional or a secondary aspect  
of our Christian experience. (217)**

**The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting  
change is also a community conversion. (219)**

**This conversion calls for a number of attitudes:  
gratitude and gratuitousness... a recognition that the world is  
God’s loving gift... generosity in self-sacrifice.**

**As believers, we do not look at the world from without  
but from within, conscious of the bonds  
with which the Father has linked us to all beings. (220)**

#### *Prayer*

*All-powerful God, 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.  
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. (246)*