

A Prayer for COP26

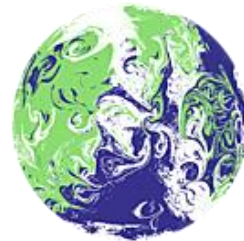
Lord, our planetary home is hurting due to global warming and climate change.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

Amen



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Special Petitions for the 13 days of COP26:

- October 31st - We pray that many persons will read and share the messages of Laudato Si'
- November 1st – We pray that all people recognize that each of us has a responsibility to do our part to reverse climate change.
- November 2nd – We pray for a greater use of renewable energy.
- November 3rd – We pray for legislators to enact laws that ensure clean water and air especially the release of methane gas
- November 4th – We pray for the protection of the Amazon Rain Forest and the African forests and the reduction/cessation of logging in these and other woodlands
- November 5th – We pray that the lands and customs of indigenous peoples be respected and protected
- November 6th – We pray that the works of eco-martyrs Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND, Jairo Mora Sandoval and others has not been in vain and that others may be inspired/motivated by their efforts.
- November 7th – We pray for the reduction and removal of plastics in our oceans, lakes and rivers that threaten aquatic life.
- November 8th – We pray for safe environments for birds, butterflies, moths, bees and other *pollinators* necessary for crop production
- November 9th – We pray for people who live in poverty who most often must live in areas that are subjected to contaminated air, water or land.

- November 10th – We pray for those experimenting with ways to reduce our carbon footprint
- November 11th – We pray all God’s creatures and especially for those species of plants and animals that are threatened with extinction
- November 12th – We pray that the U.S. Catholic bishops to write a public letter to the faithful supporting the urgency for action to fight man-made climate change.

Additional petitions:

- We pray that we can accept the challenges of cleaning up our rivers, lakes, and oceans.
- We pray for the many people living on land that will be lost due to rising waters.
- We pray that the areas of our country suffering from drought will receive the rain they need.
- We pray that the generous harvests many are experiencing will be shared with those in need.
- We pray that abandoned oil and gas wells which leak methane and contaminate groundwater, exacerbating climate change and causing health issues. We welcome the 120,000 jobs this effort would create.
- We pray that companies will find ways to reduce their use of plastics in their products.



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