

# Climate change prayer

O God, thank you for your beautiful creation: a place of life and flourishing for humans as well as all plant life and animals. We thank you for the beauty and variety we see all around us. Help us to appreciate the wonder of nature.

We thank you for the voice each of us has that we can use for the good of the planet. Guide us in our own journey towards living sustainably, enable and empower us to make decisions that serve your kingdom and work in accordance with your creation.

Forgive us for the times we have fallen short, the times when we have not made decisions that honour you. Help us be in right relationship with you, ourselves, one another and our world.

Bless our global sisters and brothers who feel the burden of climate change keenly. Those whose harvests are failing, homes are flooded and those who are now climate change refugees. May we stand in solidarity with them.

We hold our leaders, local and national, in our prayers today. They have difficult decisions to make but may they have wisdom when the balance of our planet is in their hands.

We lift up church leaders, for the church can be a powerful mover for change. May the national churches and local churches carefully consider their carbon footprints and make moves towards being houses of prayer and hubs of sustainability.

Empower the voice of the church on issues of sustainability. May each of us as individuals and we as a Christian community be emboldened to speak for what is right. May our prophetic message reach fertile ground, for the sake of your beautiful creation.

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