

KARAKIA FOR OUR CLIMATE DAILY COLLECT

Join us as we pray daily during COP26 for climate action. Each collect and psalm loosely corresponds to the focus of the day of the presidency programme which can be found [here](#).

Feel free to use these prayers in your own time, or join us at facebook.com/karakia4ourclimate from the 2nd - 11th of November at 8pm for night prayers using these collects.

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PRAYER FOR COP26 - WORLD LEADERS

Eternal God, Fount of Wisdom, whose sovereignty is displayed in the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus Christ, we ask you to bless elected representatives in their discussion and decisions.

Grant them humble and generous hearts so that we may solve the problem of climate change compassionately and effectively.

Protect vulnerable nations and amplify the voices that speak for them as we address the injustices bound up with the climate crisis.

Through the risen Jesus, at whose name every knee will one day bow, Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - GLOBAL FINANCE

Triune God, whose economy is defined by self-giving love; the whole cosmos is your household, ordered by your loving intention to see life flourish in communion with you.

In your loving presence we confess how far our global economy falls short of your good ordering of things. Driven by greed, self-interest, competition and perpetual growth, we have brought our ecosystems to the brink of collapse.

Unfold the hands of the wealthy from tightfisted greed to open-palmed generosity, that the resources needed to address our climate crisis will be readily at hand.

Draw us into your economy of love through Jesus Christ in the power of Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - ENERGY SYSTEMS

Almighty God, you molded our earthly home, breathing life and motion into a vast emptiness.

Your presence echoes in the mountains that tremble and the seas that roar. You orchestrate the winds to blow, the rivers to rush, the sun to shine. We are stunned by the brilliance of your power.

Grant us the courage to work with your nature, to harness renewable resources to warm our homes and illuminate our shared spaces.

Through Jesus Christ who is at one with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - YOUTH AND PUBLIC EMPOWERMENT

O God, in Jesus Christ, you came to us as a helpless child; you preached as a youth in the synagogue; you called ordinary people to be your followers; you gave them a voice, empowering to speak words of healing in your name.

Empower ordinary people today to address the climate crisis in word and action.

May our efforts be a sharing in the life of Jesus, our brother, whose Spirit lives in us, drawing us into his risen and saving life. In his name we pray. Amen.

KARAKIA FROM PROPHETIC INDIGENOUS VOICES ON THE PLANETARY CRISIS

E mōhio ai tātou, me inoi.
Tēnā, e te Atua, tēnei te auē ki a
koe.
I te kākahutia o te taiao i ngā he,
me ngā hara o te tangata
E te Atua, murua ō tātou hara.
Heoi, whakaorangia mātou i te
kino.
Ārahina mātou.
Kia kitea ngā mate kāinga tahi.
Kia ora a kāinga rua
Korōria ki tō ingoa tapu,
Ake āke āke, āmene

Lord, hear our pain and cries.
We've clothed the
environment with human
wrongdoing.
Please forgive us.
And rescue us from evil.
Lead us Lord.
And help us to discern what to
let go of.
So that life will grow afresh.
We praise your Holy name.
Forever and ever, amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - NATURE

O God, The ground of being, who formed us and all living creatures from carbon dust, into which you breathed your Spirit of life.

Forgive us for viewing ourselves as separate from and dominating creation.

Give us instead a humble sense of ourselves as belonging to the earth so that we use our skill and power as stewards of the land from which we come and which we will return.

Through Jesus Christ who took on our carbon dusty flesh, and with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer from Christ Church Cathedral Indianapolis)

PRAYER FOR COP26 - ADAPTATION, LOSS, AND DAMAGE

Ever present God, you are with us even to the ends of the earth. You will never disown us or abandon us, even when we fail to love and respect your beloved creation.

You grieve with us when even one creature is lost, for each is precious in your sight.

Help us to hear the voice crying in the wilderness, calling us to prepare the path for your coming. The road we face is steep and scree, but you are our guide and our companion, the luminous light in the darkness.

Grant us the courage to walk alongside you and to share the load of those who will struggle. Through Jesus Christ, who will meet us on the road, in step with your Holy Spirit, leading us into your Kingdom where you reign in love forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - GENDER EQUALITY

Tender and transcendent God, you chose Mary in her poverty and powerlessness, to nurture and to raise Jesus, our Saviour.

Draw close to mothers, daughters, sisters, and aunties - who will carry a heavier load in the midst of drought, fire, flood, storm and sea level rise.

In a world that bolsters the powerful, help us to embody your mission to elevate the oppressed, strengthen the weak, welcome the outcast, illuminate the ordinary, nurture the neglected; for all people are beloved and belong in your Kingdom.

Guide us in your love to live and work with one another in harmony and unity, for the flourishing of your creation depends on our cooperation. Through Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to lift up the lowly. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

O God, in whose living Word the whole universe coheres and finds purpose. According to your Wisdom, the world is ordered and intelligible, providing the conditions for life to thrive.

Your creative Spirit sustains, nourishes, and innovates, as your good purposes for all things are brought to completion and fullness.

We thank you for science and the innovative human mind, which is to make sense of your world and to use our understanding to develop, innovate, and create.

Grant us wisdom to navigate how to use our knowledge well, so that we may not destroy, but participate in the creative and restorative work of your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, in whom your loving purposes for the world are made known. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - TRANSPORT

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Activate within us the desire to follow where you lead, even when it is costly.

Grant us the patience and grace to traverse a strenuous path, to take a journey that asks us to sacrifice our time, our energy, our privacy, so that we may continue to pick up our cross and follow you.

Delight in us the ability to feel you in the rushing wind, eyes to see you in the stranger seated beside us, so that all may know their belonging in your creation.

Through Jesus Christ who walks with us, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COP26 - CITIES REGIONS AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

Sovereign God, who has made a home among us in Jesus Christ. In him, you reign on earth as in heaven, and by your Spirit, you are ordering all things according to your good purposes.

Awaken us to the vision of the new Jerusalem: a new city at the centre of a new heaven and a new earth. Open our eyes to the day when we will live harmonious relationship with the earth, and you will dwell among us in fullness at the centre of it all.

Wipe every tear from our eyes, for the first things are passing away and death will be no more. Through Jesus Christ, in whom we see the humanity of God, and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in eternity. Amen.