

“Our destructiveness can silence creation's song of praise to God; our care for creation can be a true expression of our own praise.”

Catholic Bishops' Conference
of England and Wales



The **Climate Change Day of Prayer** is an initiative of the Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).

The network brings together environmental representatives from all of Britain and Ireland's mainstream churches, and Christian development and environmental organisations, including:

- Christian Aid
- CAFOD
- Tearfund
- A Rocha
- Christian Ecology Link
- EcoCongregation
- the John Ray Initiative
- Operation Noah

On Sunday, 4 October, St Francis' Day, we pray for God's will to be done during the Copenhagen COP 15 talks in December.

The talks in Copenhagen this December provide an opportunity for the nations of the world to reach binding agreements on cutting carbon emissions to slow rising global temperatures. Bold agreements for action are needed, based on climate science.

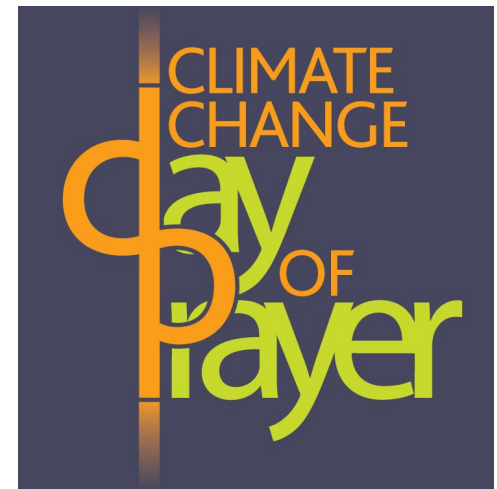
Much of the negotiating and decision making will take place prior to the summit in December. Hence, the crucial need for prayer over the next three months.



**No event near you?
Why not organise one yourself?**

Free resources available from
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“Prayer is powerful in dispelling the illusion that we are gods; an illusion which has wreaked such havoc on the earth.”

Rt Revd Richard Chartres
Bishop of London

"Prayer is at the heart of all our actions. We pray not just that political leaders might act but that we too may be transformed. We need to be ready to change the way we live to reflect our belief that we are called to care for creation, not to participate in its destruction.

Poor countries are already bearing the brunt of droughts, floods and extreme weather conditions.

CAFOD is calling for a fair and binding climate change deal at the UN meeting in Copenhagen this December, which puts poor communities at its heart. We pray that we may recognise our responsibilities towards others, and towards creation itself, which in its beauty and diversity mirrors the glory of God."

Linda Jones
Head of Spirituality, CAFOD



"The biggest per capita global polluters have laid out their stall before Copenhagen and declared their intent to go on polluting, with very little restraint, to 2020 and beyond. **Faith in capitalism has supplanted faith in the Creator**, and humanity and the planet are on the brink of runaway global warming. On this day of prayer, Christians will gather to witness to their love for God and creation."

Revd Professor Michael Northcott
Professor of Ethics, University of Edinburgh

"When it comes to climate change, there is plenty of talk and, at least in some quarters, plenty of action. What is often missing is quiet reflection and passionate prayer.

As the world descends into fearful uncertainty, **we need space to ask God for his perspective and intervention**, to think about what our abuse of creation says about us, and to plead for a new vision of God's purposes for us in his world.

I believe the Climate Change Day of Prayer is probably the most important initiative that Christians can be involved in during the lead up to the critical negotiations in Copenhagen."

Revd Dave Bookless
A Rocha UK



"Climate change is one of the greatest challenges we face in the 21st century. The Church of Scotland is responding to climate change by asking all presbyteries to monitor and reduce their carbon footprint, and I am delighted to join churches elsewhere in Britain and Ireland to call upon all congregations to join in prayer on 4 October.

In particular, we would pray that world leaders and governments everywhere are alive to God's will, and that we understand our duty of care for creation and put aside our selfish interests."

Rt Revd William Hewitt
Moderator of the General Assembly
of the Church of Scotland

"We need not only brave words but also brave actions.

This means showing we understand both the gravity and complexity of the situation facing our planet. It means offering our support in every possible way to those committed to finding solutions, especially those involved in the Copenhagen talks.

For Christians, that support must be grounded in prayer, which makes 4 October an important date.

However, our support cannot stop there; it needs to be expressed in our willingness to change our lifestyle as individuals and as churches."

Revd David Gamble
President of the Methodist Conference



"I urge all Christians to pray for the earthing of Heaven on this day of prayer. Each day I make my own prayer with these words, 'Holy Jesus, Son of Man, come in glory and renew the face of the earth'."

Rt Revd James Jones
Bishop of Liverpool