

If you still have a supply of petition cards, please get them signed and make sure you put them in the post by Wednesday 6 October.

Dear Campaigns Volunteer,

Together we've done a lot of things this year to ensure that our government, as host of the COP26 UN Climate Talks (taking place 31 October to 12 November), plays a leading role in keeping temperature rises below 1.5C, and to put the needs of marginalised communities right at the heart of these climate talks.

Whether you have been encouraging your fellow parishioners to sign our COP26 petition or have organised a meeting with your MP, we know that every single action counts when it comes to building a fairer and sustainable post-pandemic world. Yet, as Catholics, we also know that action and prayer go hand in hand. So, just a few weeks ahead of COP26, we're offering you some prayers and materials that we invite you to share with others in your parish.

- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession:** On the reverse of this newsletter, you'll find some prayers for your parish to use over the weekend of 30/31 October as the climate talks begin, and on 6/7 November when negotiations will be fully underway. Please could you pass these on to your priest? He can also find the prayers online at cafod.org.uk/cop26intercessions
- ❖ **Announcement:** Overleaf there is also a short message about COP26 which you could give at the end of Mass, or which could be used as a short notice for your parish bulletin. It would be great if you could ask for it to be included.
- ❖ **Holy Rosary:** Please share and pray this Climate Rosary, available via the following link, in your parish or with family members: cafod.org.uk/climaterosary
- ❖ **COP26 bunting:** Ahead of Pope Francis's visit to Glasgow to take part in COP26, you can decorate your parish hall with our eco-friendly COP26 bunting to remind other parishioners of the need to pray for our common home. Order it from the CAFOD Shop, but hurry - it's limited edition! cafod.org.uk/shop
- ❖ **A prayer card:** With this newsletter we've also sent you a prayer card that we hope will nourish your spiritual life during this period. Your parish may be using these for Harvest Fast Day too.
- ❖ **A special letter:** There will soon be a letter sent by the Bishops' Conference to your priest. This will include a poster about COP26 and a prayer card which has been produced by the Bishops' Conference and CAFOD together. Please speak to your priest to check he has received this, and perhaps decide to order more of these prayer cards for your parish to give out during COP26.
- ❖ **Save the date:** Put Saturday 6 November in your diary if you would like to join the Global Day of Action for climate justice. People all round the world will be mobilising to demand climate action. For those who can't be in Glasgow, CAFOD supporters will be gathering in London at 11am where we will reflect and pray together before joining with the rest of the demonstration. Register and find out full details here: cafod.org.uk/dayofaction



We pray for a climate conference that truly delivers – for all of us, and especially for those living in countries of the world who have done the least to cause the climate crisis but are suffering its effects the most. Let's pray that those with the power make this a turning point for our world.

With our prayers and best wishes,
Andrea, Helen and the campaigns team

During the UN climate conference (COP26), this year hosted in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November, we invite you to include some of the following prayers within your own intercessions.

30 October - Intercessions for the climate and our common home

Priest: As the United Nations climate conference, COP26, begins in Glasgow, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for Pope Francis as he visits COP26 that his call for the care for our common home may illuminate the hearts and minds of all his fellow participants, and that God may grant them wisdom to make decisions which respect the earth and all that live in it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church: may we speak and act together as we urgently work towards good stewardship of Your creation and your presence in all living things. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world; the interdependence of all living things; the beauty and flourishing of the planet plundered and misused for generations by human activity; may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good. Lord, in your mercy...

Priest: O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

6 November - Intercessions for the climate and common home

Priest: As the United Nations climate conference, COP26, continues in Glasgow, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for world leaders: that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all live within it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church: may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the decisions taken at COP26 and take action to achieve them. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world; that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and local community: that decisions taken in our parish life will help us live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the earth and all life within it. Lord, in your mercy...

Priest: O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Template announcement for Mass or for parish bulletins (for weekend of 30/31 October)

This weekend sees the beginning of the UN Climate Talks, COP26, in Glasgow. Pope Francis is attending the climate talks, signalling how critical these negotiations are in order to properly address the climate crisis. Some of us met with our MPs earlier this year and have signed CAFOD's climate petition, calling on our government, as host of the conference, to determine that these talks become the turning point that the world needs. This weekend let us pray for the success of the conference.

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