

COP 26 Virtual Prayer Event

Here's some ideas for how to pray in your "Prayer Hour"

Find a good place for you – a quiet room, a comfy chair, a place near a window or in a garden, maybe get a map out or a globe or play some worship music or a favourite hymn. It's good to recognize that sometimes it takes a few moments to "settle"

Or maybe it's better for you to take a walk in the park, up on the hills or just around your local area

If an hour seems a long time – here's some ideas of how you might structure your prayer time

"The Earth is the Lord's and Everything in it" Psalm 24:1

Pause – Take a few moments to be aware of the presence of your majestic, creator God with you. Stand in awe and wonder at his design, creativity and the beauty in all that he has made – the grandeur of the mountains and the microscopic intricacy of a cell. You might find it helpful to read Psalm 104 or Job 38 - 39

Allow your thoughts to turn into worship, praise and thanksgiving for the gift of creation and the world he has made

Lament – this is a space for recognizing the havoc that our consumerism and the resulting climate crisis is having upon our world. We recognize that we are not all affected equally and that my choices have an impact across the globe.

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to search our own hearts and convict us of selfishness or greed and to lead us to a place of confession and repentance and change

We also make confession on the part of our nation and the wider nations for the way we have exploited the earth's resources and been uncaring and thoughtless to those who will suffer most.

Prayer for our local area

Throughout scripture we see God's love for this world but with record-breaking storms, severe droughts and rising temperatures, we're seeing creation being knocked off balance.

Take some time to think about some of the local impacts of climate change you might be facing, and pray for local issues which relate to your environment eg: • litter and waste in your local environment • water shortages or flooding • local renewable energy projects • areas of great biodiversity which need protecting • local green space

Prayer for the Church

WeAreTearfund said: 'We are moved by faith. We hear God's call to creation care and see a world that's been neglected, a world that's on fire, and if we the church don't care enough to put it out, who will?'

Let's pray for our churches to be motivated by compassion, by a sense of justice for the poor and by a love for God and the world he has created. Let's pray for wisdom, for the willingness to change, for our involvement in making a difference both locally and globally

Prayer for COP 26 and our World

We want to see this time of COP 26 filled with passionate prayer for justice and for climate solutions. People across the world over are crying out for change, celebrating the beauty of God's world, repenting for the damage we've done and seeking God's heart for a just and sustainable future. Spend some time now praying for world leaders who will be attending COP26.

Ask for wisdom for countries most impacted by climate change to know how to adapt to a changing world, and pray that their leaders would hear the cries of the most vulnerable.

Pray for other large emitting countries to be ambitious in their commitments and actions, and to prioritise justice and equality

Lord, Let your Kingdom come and let your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven Amen



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