Supporting Christian Climate Action’s Faith Bridge

Solidarity with Climate Activists

Introduction

In recent months fires raged from the Arctic to the Amazon. Over the past year record temperatures hit Europe. And for the past decade Christian Aid’s partners have seen how the world’s poorest have been displaced from their homes and had their lives destroyed by the climate crisis.

Our friends at Christian Climate Action are responding to the crisis by organising a faith bridge as part of Extinction Rebellion’s uprising from 7th October. (You can find out more on their websites).

As a charity, Christian Aid itself may not be able to fully endorse all these actions, but we stand in solidarity with these rebels and all climate activists around the world.

How can your church support?

As an act of prayer and solidarity with climate activists, you may like to encourage your church congregation to...

Make a placard to put at the front of your church to remind people to keep praying for poor communities impacted by the climate crisis.

Make prayer flags and send them to be used on the Faith Bridge in Westminster over the next few weeks (instructions overleaf).

Pray for the climate rebels and all climate activists around the world

Prayer Flags

Prayer Flags are a cultural tradition of Tibet, used to promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom. Prayer flags are tied together and hung so that prayers are carried through the wind. When hanging prayer flags, it is tradition to wish that all beings everywhere will benefit and find happiness.

Inspired by Tibetan prayer flags, we are going to create our own prayer flags which express how we feel about the climate emergency we are facing – and our prayers for a more just world.

These prayer flags will take centre stage on the Faith Bridge. Our prayers will be carried in the wind, across Westminster, to those in power.
**Prayer Flag Instructions**

1. Find a piece of fabric (approx. 20x20 cm) and pens capable of writing on fabric. - can you up-cycle something rather than buying new?

2. Write or draw a prayer or message on the flag expressing your thoughts and prayers for the world in this time of crisis

3. Send your prayer flags to Campaigns Team, Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL (we’ll take them to the bridge on your behalf)

You can do this prayerful activity alone or you can make it an interactive process, discussing how you’re feeling with your church, friends or family.

**A prayer of blessing**

May God bless us with wonder at creation’s glory.
May God bless us with fury at creation’s spoiling.
May God bless us with courage at this critical hour.
And may the blessing of God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
rest upon us and on all creation,
this day and for the future to come.

Amen

**A prayer based on the Hymn, How Great Thou Art**

Our souls sing out a joyful song,
Our souls sing out how great thou art.
We consider the works you have made
The stars of the night, the leaves of the trees
The birds of the air the oceans and streams.

Our souls sing out a mournful song,
Our souls grieve before our God
We consider the works our hands have made;
The warming of the planet, the rising of seas
The wilting of the harvest, devastating communities

Our souls sing out a contrite song
Our souls bow down low.
We regret the works our hands have made
The impact on the poorest, the livelihoods lost
The deepening of poverty, the environmental and human cost

Our souls sing out a penitent song,
Our souls turn back to what is right.
We consider the good works our hands can make;
The words of justice we can speak, the acts of love we can give
The hand of solidarity we can extend, for others to fully live

Our souls sing out a hopeful song
Our souls look to the Lord, where our hope comes from

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