Happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way. Psalm 84.5

At our prayer service last month, Christian Aid partners from around the world asked us to pray for the resources, strength, and wisdom in their communities to aid the recovery from the impacts of extreme weather. We will pray for their communities, and for all communities currently affected by climate change.

This month world leaders of the seven richest nations are coming together at the G7 summit in Cornwall. We pray for the success of the summit in delivering outcomes that will help us achieve climate justice. And that decisions are made which benefit the most vulnerable around the world, who are already impacted by the climate crisis. As world leaders focus on how the world can recover from Covid, we pray that the attention is on the world as a whole and that world leaders rise to the moment.

Immediately following the G7 and setting off from Cornwall the Young Christian Climate Network begin the ‘Rise to the Moment’ relay to COP26. As the relay travels across the UK, we pray for their safe passage. We add our voices in support of their pilgrimage and pray that their calls for climate justice are heard, and taken heed of, at the highest level.

Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, Cornwall:

"Hearing the hopes and fears of young people about the Climate emergency is a priority for all the Churches in Cornwall.

Their voices are strong and challenging and my prayer is that the world leaders and influencers attending G7 and COP26 hear their urgent call to action and make the decisions that are needed to secure creation's future.

The Diocese of Truro and its Cathedral are very proud that this important prayer pilgrimage will start in Cornwall. We join all of those on the pilgrimage in praying for meaningful action for creation care."
Prayer for Young Christian Climate Network relay

Dear Father,

The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) is journeying along the length of our island in their pilgrimage to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. In your name, they ask for climate justice and fair climate finance for all nations. Bless everyone involved in the relay – those walking, those involved in local celebrations, those online, and those joining in prayer. Inspire all of us to seek change and put compassion and understanding into the hearts of governments and decision-makers. In this crucial year for the future of our earth, help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us. And lead us to justice.

Many are still feeling the repercussions of the Covid pandemic. We pray for those who are mourning loved ones, experiencing ill health, or suffering from loss of livelihood. In this moment of rebuilding our communities afresh, help us to work towards sustainability, equality, and peace. Inspire us and our governments to build back better. Help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us. And lead us to justice.

Today, this year, and always, help us all to rise to the moment. We ask this for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer for the G7 Summit

God of life,

You created us to be nurtured by the planet and to be nurturing of the planet. Everything you created was pleasing in your sight, but we have failed. And creation groans under the weight of our destructive actions.

God of grace,

Forgive us, for in our selfishness we've taken too much form the earth. When we have not spoken out against greed and destruction. When we have allowed our most vulnerable neighbours to be harmed. We seek courage and forgiveness to be made whole.

God of love,

We pray for the people, communities and nations already suffering from the devastating effects of climate change. We pray for the diversity of life on earth. So much of it, already threatened by our actions.

God of hope,

We pray for the members of the G7 member countries who gather. Bless them with wisdom and creativity and a shared vision of hope for all creation. May they find the determination to take strong action to halt the deductive effects of climate change, and the political will to act together for the common good.

Amen.
Pastor Risper Ananda: Life Spring Chapel, Nairobi Kenya

Wave of Hope

Join people across the UK in a ‘Wave of Hope’ by drawing, tracing, printing or painting a hand and displaying it in your window ahead of the G7: https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/wave-hope

After the G7 our hope does not end. We'll join with YCCN as they pilgrimage across the UK.

Rise to the Moment

Find out more and sign up to support the ‘Rise to the Moment’ relay as it travels across the UK in the coming months. Visit https://www.yccn.uk/ to sign up.

Christian Aid will be doing more to support YCCN throughout the year, as we rise to the moment together, in prayer and action.

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