G7 to COP26

In June world leaders of the 7 richest nations came together at the G7 summit, but they did not deliver on our calls for climate justice. We are united in our criticism and dismay of the lack of action taken, and we must make sure world leaders are in no doubt that this was not good enough. By standing together, praying and taking action, we can still hope for a better outcome at this November’s climate summit, COP26.

We must continue to speak out, so our collective call for justice cannot be ignored. This month we pray for hope and determination to build fairer world, even in the face of setbacks.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9  We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

Rise to the Moment Relay

As the Young Christian Climate Network continue their relay across, they UK, we are inspired by their leadership. Young climate activists around the world are leading us towards a fairer world. This month we pray for their bravery, leadership, and ability to speak truth to power.

1 Timothy 4:12: “don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” (NIV)
Prayer for leadership

Jesus, Humble King
Teach us what it means to lead
Help us serve our neighbour as our family
Give us knees that bend towards feet
Open our mouths to say what’s unpopular
Remind us to go last, not pushing to the front
Give us grace to lead as we call for justice and your kingdom come.

Amen

Prayer for determination

God of the impossible,
we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation.
And when the challenges seem too many,
remind us of your resurrection power,
and the miracles of your love that happen
whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.
Help us to hope that the impossible can happen
and live as if it might do so today.

Amen

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 decisionmakers.

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

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