Building urgency ahead of COP26

It’s less than 2 months until the UN climate talks, COP26. We must be relentless in calling for climate justice. Now is the time to pray with urgency and hope ahead of this decade defining moment.

Listening to those on the frontline

At COP26 we must tackle the injustices of the climate crisis - a crucial part of this is to listen to and uphold the voices, perspectives, and experiences of those most affected by the crisis. While powerful counties often dominate these spaces – there is power in the voices of our global brothers and sisters.

This month we pray for spaces to listen, to quieten the dominating voices of richer nations, and to truly hear and take heed of what we are being told from people living on the front line of the crisis.

Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN)

Throughout September the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) will continue their relay to COP26. This month they will travel through Manchester and York, travelling up to Newcastle. We pray for the safe passage of participants and for everyone involved in supporting them.
Pray in urgency and with hope ahead of COP26

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God. - John 6:68-69

Lord to whom else can we go,
As we look at our world, and what we have done?
Lord to whom else can we go,
When we see our climate in crisis?
Lord to whom else can we go,
When we feel powerless before decision makers?
Lord speak your words of life
Into negotiations and corridor conversations
Lord speak your words of life
Into global choices and global decisions
Lord speak your words of life
That climate justice may be done
Lord to whom else can we go,
In the urgency of the hour?
Lord speak your words of life
Into our prayers and petitions
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.

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

Take action

Add your prayers in support of the YCCN relay. Create a prayer boat with your church or community using our prayer and action activity pack. Download it by visiting: caid.org.uk/rise.

We will count up all the prayers and actions taken in support of this pilgrimage and deliver them to decision makers in Glasgow.

Make sure decision makers hear our calls for climate justice and take notice. Engage your MP ahead of COP26 – find out how here: caid.org.uk/cop26mp.

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