People are now experiencing climate anxiety on a scale never seen before. A new global study released last month, found it to be even more prevalent for people aged between 16 and 25. Young people feel fear for the future and anger over inaction, but also hope for change. We pray for all those experiencing anxiety.

Access to coronavirus vaccines and COP26

Give thanks for the coronavirus vaccines you have received. For the most vulnerable, vaccines currently remain a long way off. With powerful countries beginning booster programs, we call on governments to back a people's vaccine, which distributes vaccines fairly.

In less than a month the UN climate talks, COP26 takes place. A critical part of the talks is to listen and act upon the voices, perspectives, and experiences of those most affected by the crisis. Unequal access to coronavirus vaccines, means they may not make COP.

With only delegates promised access to vaccines, civil society organisations and journalists face exclusion, we pray for the UK Government to provide greater access to vaccines, and for all those excluded to be heard.

Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN)

Having started their relay to COP26 in June, the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) will finish the final stages of their over 1,200 mile journey this October. They will pass through Newcastle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

We pray for the safe passage of participants and for everyone involved in supporting them.
Pray for calm and hope for the anxious
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7

Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your listening ways.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your truthful ways.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your loving ways.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your gracious ways.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your calming presence.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your strengthening presence.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your commanding presence.
Lord, we lift-up our young people to you, 
May they know your lasting presence.

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Pray for global vaccines and equal access to COP26
God of Hope, we give thanks for the coronavirus vaccines we have received and for the freedoms we took for granted.

God of All, we pray that all your children may receive the vaccines, and call on world leaders to see that they are delivered with equality and dignity to all.

God of Love, we pray that we show the same love and care to our global sisters and brothers, as we do to our sisters and brothers around us.

God of Might, we call on the UK COP Presidency to ensure equal and safe access for all delegates, civil society campaigners, and journalists to COP26.

God of Justice, we pray for the most affected by the climate crisis, may it be their voices which direct the decisions of those in positions of power this COP.

Prayer for Young Christian Climate Network relay
Dear Lord,

In your name, we pray for the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN), as they finish their relay to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. We thank you Lord for inspiring their hearts and minds to take this pilgrimage. We pray as their journey comes to an end, for the continued safe passage of all participants. May you bless all those involved in the replay- those walking, those involved in local celebrations, those online, and those joining in prayer.

In your name, they call for climate justice and fair climate finance for all nations. Inspire all of us to seek change, and put compassion and understanding into the hearts of people in positions of power and governments.

In your name, we pray help us to rise to the moment. Lord, strengthen us, fill us with courage and boldness, and lead us to justice, so we may rise to the moment every day.

Amen

Take action
Rise to the Moment

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.

Global Day of Action

To coincide with COP26, on 6th November join people from around the world, marching to raise our voices for climate justice.

You can march in Glasgow or join a rally closer to home. If you can't make the 6th, you can take part in a virtual march – find out how here: caid.org.uk/COP26-mobilise