

All We confess that the way we live today
is changing the climate, the seas, the land and the whole balance
of life, dispossessing the poor and future generations.

Leader Forgive us Lord. May your kingdom come

All Your will be done

Leader For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory

All Forever and ever. Amen

*In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the
highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will
stream to it.*
MICAH 4:1

Leader: Living God, as flowers that turn towards the sun
so we turn to you, the source of all life.
Asking for your love to sustain us,
your will to strengthen us,
and for your wisdom to guide us.

All Renew in us your vision of wholeness,
that the rich may restore wealth to the poor,
and the poor may share blessings with the rich.
Revive in us a passion for justice, that the tyranny of economic
growth be quelled and the whispers of freedom find voice.
Refresh in us our sense of calling, that we may follow Christ in
serving others and live simply with those who simply live.

Leader We offer you now this time; a time when our hearts are open to you,
a time when we lift to you our longing for change, our longing for
decisive action to protect this fragile earth.

A time of silent prayer and reflection follows.

An opportunity to bring our prayers to God and to make time to listen to his
voice.

It is suggested that the leader (or others) reads out at intervals the assigned
prayer points for the month, which others may want to expand on in their
prayers.

A prayer to aid our reflection

A fast changing tapestry

Creator God, what a complex tapestry your creative fingers have woven;
We delight at bursts of bird song, velvet butterflies, tracteries of ice on twigs and
the exploring, wondering eyes of toddlers;
Daily reminders of your creative power.

Close-woven, interconnected, fragile;
Changing, changing too fast.
Scientists confirm what our hearts already know – and we are fearful.
Fearful of angry torrents, fearful of seasons that have lost their patterns.
Fearful for lost harvests, lost homes and lives swept away.
Fearful and confused about our role in what we see.

Politicians bend and bow to the fickle winds of public voice.
Leaders wheel and deal to juggle short-term national priorities.
Confident financiers build impressive towers on what may prove crumbling
foundations,
While greenhouse gases build, oceans acidify and air streams shift.

“What can we do?” we say.
Forgive us for our lack of response;
For seeing the scale of this crisis as reason not to engage.
You who can calm the wind and the waves,
Still our fears and inspire us to change.

Help us Lord, as we join with others
To build a chain of prayer and action throughout this land,
Weaving onward around the world.
And hear us as our prayers ascend to your holy mountain.

Grant that your Holy Spirit gives wisdom, inspiration and resolve to our
politicians, leaders and negotiators to make the tough decisions that will allow
all people to hope, to live, to dream and to shape a greener world.
Your kingdom come on earth.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

Closing worship

Leader: We bring this time of prayer to an end. Thank you for this opportunity to spend time in your presence, linked with so many others around the world.

Leader: With all creation,

**All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Leader: We will tread the earth lightly

All: Scattering God's blessing.

Leader: Our hearts changed by love:

**All: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him,
so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
(After Romans 15:13)

Commitment

We commit to continue praying for those in positions of power to take action to avert the destruction of this planet.

And may we do all we can to live simply, that others may simply live.

Let us leave this time of sanctuary and go out to live as a blessing to the Lord, to the earth and to your children.

Blessing

Leader: Go out now into all the world as prophets of a new way of living, sharing your knowledge and living in harmony with all creation.

**All: And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with us all now and always.
Amen.**

For further information and monthly updates visit the website:

Prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk

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Worship outline for use on the 1st of each month during prayer and fasting



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faith groups working together against climate change*

Introduction by leader: Welcome to this time set aside for us to pray and fast for the future of our world. As we consider the destructive forces changing the climate of God's precious earth we may be tempted to despair, but we can also pray for God to bring about a life-enriching future. As we pray, we ask that God will renew in us a sense of urgency about climate change and our own need to respond.

Renew in us your gift of hope; hope that decision makers will come together and make decisions that will safeguard our futures.

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures May the Lord rejoice in his works.

PSALM 104:24, 31

Leader: Here together, we bring our yearning for change.

All: Praise God who never leaves us.

Leader: Here together, we own our connection with all things.

All: Praise God who walks beside us.

Leader: Here together, we listen for God's word.

All: Praise God who daily inspires us.

Leader: Here together, we pledge ourselves to action.

All: Praise God who wrestles alongside us.

A Prayer of Confession and Promise:

Leader Creator God, how deep are your designs!
You made a living earth
and charged us with its care.

God of grace, creator of a world of plenty,
The heavens declare your glory and the earth your generosity.
In love you created us and in your likeness
You made us partners in creation.
In greed we have turned away and fashioned a fragmented and endangered world, marring your image in us.