

## Prayer Points – February 2026



### A time for love

*"From the book of Genesis to Revelation, a thread runs through the Bible, binding creation and humanity together in a relationship of love, respect and protection. We are called to care for the Earth and for one another, including for the poorest of the Earth most vulnerable to climate change, for the beauty and diversity of species created by our loving God, and for future generations."*

As we start our prayers, we reflect on this quote, which was part of the Christian resources produced for 2019's 'Show the Love' campaign, and pray a prayer from the same resources:

*"Guide us, Lord, and guide our leaders, to act as you would have us act. May our prayer and our actions flow from our love for your creation, in all its beauty and diversity, a longing for justice for the poor, and our commitment to all future generations of your children on this Earth."*

### 'Show the Love' - Communicating why climate action matters

Noted climate scientist and communicator Katharine Hayhoe often emphasises that convincing people to act on climate involves showing them that it's about protecting what they already care about. In an interview before the Glasgow COP, she [stated](#): *"When you are taking action for climate, it's not for climate change, it's for you. It's for your family, it's for everything you love, everyone you love, every place that you love – that's why you're doing it. There's a significant mind shift there, so that we don't see it as an extra "to do" on our list."*

At present, some people are using 'climate' as a wedge issue to divide people, suggesting that climate action is an expensive, politically-motivated diversion from what really matters. To counter this, the 2026 ['Show the Love' campaign from the UK's Climate Coalition](#) is asking individuals and groups to send their local politicians green hearts with a message about what their community wants to protect. *"Show the Love,"* they say, *"offers a way to show leaders that support for climate and nature action is grounded in everyday care and local pride - not abstract politics."* We pray for the success of this campaign and for all efforts that help people connect the dots between what they love and the need to stop climate change.

### Loving our neighbour in a hurting world

This past month has seen a wide range of extreme events. [Australia, Chile, and Argentina have experienced high temperatures, drought, and intense wildfires](#). Strong storms triggered landslides in [New Zealand, Indonesia, and Sicily](#). Most devastatingly, southern Africa has experienced massive flooding. By the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, Mozambique, the hardest hit country, had seen almost [160,000 houses destroyed](#), more than 325,000 livestock killed, and about 1100 square miles of farmland flooded, and the flooding had created the circumstances [where cholera and other diseases could increase](#). The government has had to delay the start of the school year by a month: not only can some students not get to school, but many of the [school buildings are being used as shelters](#).

The people and government of Mozambique are working to assist those in need – but more help is needed. Aid cuts mean, however, that it is increasingly difficult to get assistance. The UN estimates that it needs \$187 million to offer *"urgent, life-saving assistance ... with a clear focus on the most vulnerable"*: in its recent update, it mentions donor offerings of only \$3.5 million. What makes this even more horrific is that The World Weather Attribution project [has estimated that climate change was a factor contributing to the crisis](#). Once again, those who have done the least to cause climate change are suffering its impacts - and being abandoned by those who bear significant responsibility.

We pray for all people affected by extreme weather and its consequences: may God grant them safety now and hope for the future. We pray that God will guide and protect people assisting with relief and recovery and will inspire wealthy countries to give. And we pray for changes in hearts and minds that lead to climate action and climate justice.

### James 2: 14 to 17 (ESV)

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

## Lent

The 18<sup>th</sup> of February is Ash Wednesday, when we begin to mark the period of Christ's temptation in the wilderness and preparation for his public ministry. During Lent, it's customary for Christians to engage in prayer and reflection, fasting, and giving to people in need. Christian environmental organisations offer us resources such as Carbon Fasts ([2026 Climate Stewards](#), [previous years' from Green Anglicans](#)) and [study courses](#), which can help us integrate love of God, earth, and neighbour into our prayer, action, and giving for Lent. We pray that each of us will find resources and take the time to draw closer to God, and to see more clearly how we can grow in love.

## Conflict, Climate and Politics

In the aftermath of the United States' military action in Venezuela, the Venezuelan government has now legislated the [opening of the country's oil industry to foreign interests](#). President Trump [has made it clear that he wants US fossil fuel companies](#) to develop Venezuela's oil industry and to explore its reserves. In addition to the political issues associated with the US action, ramping up Venezuelan production could [result in major increases in emissions](#). Please pray for wisdom for all involved. Meanwhile, the United States' increasingly erratic foreign policy is driving many countries to strengthen ties with China, both generally and in their pursuit of green technology. While Chinese manufacturing has the potential to drive down the price of the green transition, there are also political risks in dependence on China. We pray for wisdom for government and business leaders in this area.

## World Wetlands Day

Wetlands - marshes, lakes, rivers, floodplains, peatlands, swamps, estuaries, mangroves, lagoons, coral reefs, and human-made wetlands such as rice paddies - are vital ecosystems, full of biodiversity, and also often play an essential role in local communities. They are, however, often under threat - from [unsustainable development, pollution, invasive species, and climate change](#) - with consequences that harm both humans and other species. A [recent report notes](#) that 22% of the world's wetlands have been lost since 1970; a further fifth could be lost by 2050, unless urgent action is taken. As we mark World Wetlands Day, which falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, please pray for people and organisations that protect wetlands, and for the success of their work. Give thanks for local successes and for increased commitment at national level countries in countries [such as India](#).

## Encouraging news

In recent weeks, amidst the worrying news about continued rises in emissions and temperatures, there are encouraging items: for example, [India's renewable capacity is increasing massively](#); [coal power in both India and China dropped last year](#); [European countries are planning joint work to make the North Sea a 'clean energy reservoir'](#); and [wind and solar have topped fossil fuels in the EU power supply](#). We give thanks for all that shows progress towards a greener world – and continue to pray for a fair and just green transition for all countries.

## Closing Prayer (written by Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya before the Paris COP)

Loving God,

Blessed be the work of your hands.

Your Spirit inspires trees and birds and waves into song and dance.

It is that same holy wind that breathed on your disciples and on all creation.

Let your Spirit blow us to creative love and stewardship that shows reverence for your creation.

Blessed be the works of your hands, O holy One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

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