

10 Strategic Prayers for COP26

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. (Hebrews 4:16 NLT)

Thank you for joining us in intercessory prayers for the crucial work of the COP26 climate summit, convening in Glasgow, 31 Oct - 12 Nov, 2021. This is the climax of our year together; so, let's spur each other on to persevere before the Throne of Grace. We believe that, at the end of our network-wide discernment process, we have landed on "10 Strategic Prayers." These are certainly not *all* the prayers that one can pray for COP26, neither are we claiming that they are the most important prayers for COP26, but we do believe we have been led by God in shaping these prayers for *our* stewardship of intercession.



Ideas for using this chart in prayer:

- *You can pray across the ten rows:* 1) the general topic for prayer; 2) a written prayer request; 3) some particulars which may be explanatory or may allow you to specify your prayers; 4) the main groups to which we are calling the Lord's merciful attention; and 5) the main spirit(s), charisma, or gift that we are asking the Holy Spirit to bestow upon those groups and for this topic.
- *You can pray down the five columns:* Add your own knowledge of the topics, particulars, groups, or spirits and pray uniquely for COP26.
- *You can pray daily for COP26 in a focussed fashion:* Pray one of the prayer requests on each of the ten weekdays of COP26, beginning Monday, 1 Nov.
- *Adopt one prayer interest for the entirety of COP26:* . . . as the Lord leads you as an individual member of our network.
- *Participate in daily mailings and live-streaming from COP26:* details at www.climateintercessors.org and courtesy of YWAM England and Tearfund.

Topic	Prayer	Particulars	Group	Spirit
Climate-related Disasters 1.	that climate-related disasters would be so deeply felt as to translate into action.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poor • Disaster victims • Climate refugees 	Empathy
Obstruction of Negotiations 2.	that G20 nations and corporations will repent of obstruction, and assume their responsibility to move away from fossil fuels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain obstructionist governments, including Brazil, Australia, China, and Russia; • Certain obstructionist parties, factions, and corporations within industrialised nations • Responsibility also includes funding Adaptation and Loss & Damage, and resolving Article 6 (carbon trading) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All G20 negotiators; • Corporations • Civil society from these nations to rise up and influence their governments 	Repentance Goodwill

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Mitigation 3.	that the aggregate emission reduction targets (NDCs) will match what the science says about preventing a 1.5 C warming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global target: emissions cut in half by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. 	Policymakers	Honesty Commitment
Reception of Climate Science 4.	that the God of Truth will reveal and counter the lies with which many people receive the work of climate scientists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lie of deferring (active denialism) which says: “Humanity will technologically, or God will miraculously, fix our problem so that we can keep extracting resources and making money at the current pace and in the way we know how.” • a lie of doomism (passive denialism) which says: “All is lost: humanity won’t change, and God is not willing nor able to empower us to do rightly.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists presenting the IPCC 6th Summary Report; • Fossil fuel companies influencing the COP 	Truth
God’s Creation 5.	for a global revival of love for God’s creation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for nature-based solutions for mitigation and adaptation. • that love will motivate the protection and restoration of ecosystems, • that humans will recognize our membership in the community of creation, honouring nature’s marvelous resilience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All species of God’s creation; • Leadership from indigenous communities 	Love

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Young People Globally 6.	for courage to speak up and challenge those in power, and peace to know God is with them and for them as they pursue justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for resilience and hope as they live through the aftermath of COP26 and the on-going climate crisis, • and pray for adults: that we would hear their prophetic challenges and, responding decisively by taking action alongside young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth delegates and observers at COP26; • Global youth witnessing COP26; • Adults (including policy-makers) who are listening. 	Courage Peace Mutual Respect
Glasgow, Host City 7.	that Glasgow will be welcoming and hospitable, and that safety, security, and logistical efficiency will facilitate transformational decision-making at COP26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resulting in a new gift to the world from this “Dear Green Place.” • May Glasgow experience a reciprocation of the blessing. • For a just resolution of the current labor strikes in Glasgow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glaswegian citizens, leaders, and churches. • COP26 organizers and volunteers • Glaswegian workers. 	Hospitality
Vulnerable Nations 8.	that voices from developing nations and vulnerable communities will be divinely amplified at COP26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing nations suffer disproportionately from climate change. • Their delegations to COP26 are smaller and thus they are often underrepresented in meetings where crucial decisions are made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing nations; • Indigenous communities 	Justice

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Leadership 9.	that the Holy Spirit will influence ALL leaders, official and unofficial, across all sectors involved in COP26, that wisdom and compassion may prevail in relationships, negotiations, decision-making, and reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key figures include: Alok Sharma, COP26 President; • Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance; • Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC General Secretary. • Advisers • Much leadership is exercised informally at a COP (e.g. Greta Thunberg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders of COP26 • Heads of state • Leaders of national delegations • Leaders of Civil Society groups • Media leaders • Church and faith leaders 	Wisdom Compassion
The Global Church 10.	that the Global Church will wake up, turning from misplaced triumphalism, repenting of complicity, and taking up a prophetic voice with action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At COP26, the Church must boldly offer HOPE in Christ Jesus as one of her greatest, but often neglected, contributions to the climate movement. She must no longer confuse hope with nationalistic optimism or her own privilege. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians and faith leaders at COP26 • Christians and faith leaders globally • The churches of Glasgow, Scotland, and the UK 	Hope

**We would also appreciate prayers for those Climate Intercessors leaders and their programs or organizations which will also be at COP26 in Glasgow. Please pray for Laura, Jack, Samuel, Ben, Lowell, the Christian Climate Observers Program (CCOP), A Rocha International, Tearfund, and YWAM. Please pray for wisdom and discernment, faithfulness, stamina, safety and health. Thank you!*