

Journeying towards COP26 in Glasgow: Prayer Vigil for the Care of Creation

Christians around the world are coming together from September 1st to October 4th for prayer vigils, reflection and concrete actions around care for creation. Journeying towards COP26 in Glasgow, below you will find a service order for a vigil for the month of September inspired by the common prayer in Taizé.

Song

The Kingdom of God

Psalm

Alleluia 17 can be sung between each verse

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!
Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what are we that you should keep us in mind,
mere mortals that you care for us?

You gave us power over the work of your hands,
put all things under our feet.
All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Psalm 8

Reading

And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Matthew 8. 23-27

Song

Señor, que florezca tu justicia

Silence

Prayer for Creation

The first four intercessions come from Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si*" and the last two were received by the Iona Community. Between each intercession Kyrie 10 can be sung.

- 1) Loving God, you are present in the universe and in the least of your creatures, surround all that exists with your tenderness. -We pray to you.
- 2) Creator God, teach us to take care of creation, where everything speaks to us of you. -We pray to you.
- 3) Loving God, we pray for all who suffer from fire and water, earthquakes and storms. May they remain hopeful in spite of their difficulties. -We pray to you.
- 4) Creator God, awaken our praise and our gratitude; give us the grace to feel intimately united to all that exists. -We pray to you.
- 5) Loving God, we entrust to you all the people, especially the youngest ones, who are implementing new projects in the face of the climate emergency. -We pray to you.
- 6) Creator God, you are with us always; sustain us in our struggle for justice, love and peace. -We pray to you.
- 7) Lord, give us the courage to believe change is possible and the conviction to take the necessary steps to create the groundswell to make it happen. (from Papua New Guinea)
- 8) Lord, allow us to see the world through your eyes, and move us to align ourselves with your will for our planet. (from Brazil)

Our Father

Prayer by Brother Alois

God our Father, you set us free, free in order to love those you entrust to us; free also to look in a new way upon creation. All that is created comes from you as a gift which you entrust to us. In Christ Jesus, we praise you, through the Holy Spirit.

Songs

Tu sei sorgente viva
Behüte mich Gott
Sit nomen Domini