

Daily prayers and intercessions for COP27 6th - 18th November 2022

This year the UN Conference of Parties (COP) Climate Change Conference is being held in Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt.

6th November

Gracious God,

We give thanks for the ways in which countries and nations have come together

To address the global crisis of climate warming.

We praise you for the efforts of individuals who have raised our awareness and changed hearts and minds.

May we, together, create the political climate for effective action.

7th November

Pray for the transformation and adaptation of our carbon-based economies,

And of our social and ecological systems.

Increase our resilience and strengthen us for the tasks ahead.

Help us to develop our capacity to deal with the many problems

which come with climate change.

8th November

Pray for the recognition for the need for climate finance systems

To support actions addressing climate change.

And to recognise our responsibilities to the poorer nations

In funding and resources.

9th November

Give thanks for climate technologies

For wind energy, solar power and hydropower,

Drought-resistant crop, early warning systems and sea walls,

And the visions for the future.

10th November

We give thanks for the power of the sun above us,

For the warmth of the ground beneath us,

For the freedom of the wind around us,

For the strength of waves and the rhythm of tides.

Grant ingenuity and inspiration in the development of renewable energy.

11th November

Bless all educators and scientists as they

Reveal the wonders of creation.

May all people have the chance to learn, to understand

and to participate in sustainable lifestyles.

12th November

Grant wisdom and effectiveness to environmental campaigners

As they seek to change hearts and minds,

And raise awareness of our need to respect and protect the earth.

13th November

Thank you for the physical
landscapes that surround us.
We thank you, too, for the inner landscape
Of our thoughts and feelings,
As the environment forms us,
May we form an environment
which is beneficial to all your creatures.

14th November

Pray for indigenous peoples across the world,
For recognition of their local knowledge
And for their inclusion in governance and decision-making
in nature conservation, restoration
and sustainable use of the land and quality of life.

15th November

Pray for the ocean
as a fundamental part of the climate system
and the global response to climate change.
For places affected by sea level rise
and coastal erosion.

16th November

Pray for the integrity of all ecosystems,
including forests, oceans, and the cryosphere,
for the protection of biodiversity,
and all endangered species of flora and fauna.

17th November

We praise you for the capacity of trees and plants
To absorb and store carbon dioxide.
We give thanks for those who plant
and preserve our woods and trees,
May the leaves of the trees help the healing of the nations.

18th November

Gracious God,
Grant us the expectant hope that this damaged earth
Will be healed of its pain and restored to wholeness.
Come among us to judge the world with righteousness
And to change both hearts and minds.
Turn us away from exploitation to avert, minimise
And address loss and damage to your world,
As we work towards the nurture of creation.

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