

Prayers for Global Climate Talks in Paris –November 6-17
From Global Catholic Climate Movement

- Nov. 6 **We pray that refugees from the climate crisis find peace and a spirit of welcome, in their new homes. We pray that migration policies include climate refugees among those who need special consideration.**

Church teaching: *"God clearly and repeatedly recommends hospitality and generosity toward the stranger." (Pope John Paul II)*

- Nov. 7 **We pray for the young and future generations, who will inherit the short-sightedness of past generations. We pray that wisdom grows, and that we take to heart the imperative to protect young people and all our vulnerable sisters and brothers.**

Church teaching: *"Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded." (Laudato Si', 13)*

- Nov. 8 **We pray for all of the creatures that suffer poor stewardship of creation, and we pray peace for the courageous advocates who are standing up for the Amazon.**

Church teaching: *"We cannot fail to praise the commitment of international agencies and civil society organizations which . . . ensure that each government carries out its proper and inalienable responsibility to preserve its country's environment and natural resources, without capitulating to spurious local or international interests." (Laudato Si' 38)*

- Nov. 9 **We pray that the Holy Spirit increases compassion for the victims of extreme weather, that they find God's grace and peace amid their loss, and that the nation's leaders open their hearts and minds to the realities of climate change.**

Church teaching: *"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." (St. Gregory Nazianzen)*

- Nov 10 **We pray for the safety of people who are affected by growing deserts. We pray for compassion and healing in their new homes. In our pilgrimage of hope, Creator, draw us into deeper solidarity with vulnerable people.**

Church teaching: *"We judge ourselves as a community of faith by the way we treat the most vulnerable among us." (Letter from the bishops of Mexico and the United States)*

- Nov. 11 **We pray that the transition to clean energy is just and swift.**

Church teaching: *"There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy." (Laudato Si', 26)*

- Nov. 12 **We pray that the people of the Caribbean and all sisters and brothers around the world continue to find ways to safely adapt to the new reality of climate change.**

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- Nov. 13 **We pray that the people of the Caribbean and all sisters and brothers around the world continue to find ways to safely adapt to the new reality of climate change.**

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- Nov. 14 **We pray that communities on the front lines of the environmental crisis will lift their voices and be heard. We pray that patterns of consumption will change, and start protecting the Earth and its people.**

Church teaching: "We note that often the businesses which operate this way are multinationals. They do here what they would never do in developed countries or the so-called first world." (Bishops of the Patagonia-Comahue Region)

- Nov. 15 **We pray for the ingenuity and resilience of the Filipino people. We pray for a spirit of compassion and solidarity among people who live in nations and economies with excessive greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable lifestyles.**

Church teaching: "Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing, and forestry." (Laudato Si', 25)

- Nov. 16 **We pray that South Asia will grow in its resilience to climate catastrophes. We pray that everyone will have a safe home and support to recover from disasters.**

Church teaching: "Efforts to address climate change must take into account creation and its relationship to 'the least of these.'" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

- Nov. 17 **We pray for the goodwill and grace of Indigenous people and all people whose children will not live as they have because of the changing climate.**

Church teaching: "In this sense, it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. . . For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. (Laudato Si', 146)