

## Prayer for Life

Spirit of God, You established the dance of Creation;  
bring life out of death  
bring order out of chaos.  
Call us to radical action:  
to care for the web of Creation  
to share our resources justly  
and to work for the renewal of our Mother, Earth.

*We light this candle as we commit ourselves to fast and pray for climate justice.*

[Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Cape Town]

## Lord's Prayer for Paris

Holy God,  
Creator of all that is integral to your sacred Earth,  
You call us to live respectfully and sustainably now,  
for a world without end.  
May we use energy today  
so as to not endanger the future.  
Forgive us our excesses  
as we seek to reduce our emissions.  
Lead us away from the temptations  
of consumerism,  
and deliver us from greed.  
For the planet is yours  
its power and its glory,  
now and for all time. Amen.

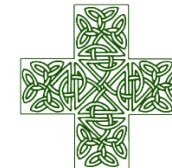
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*Shrinking the Footprint, Diocese of Exeter*  
[www.ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk)  
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## Pray and Fast for the Summit



In Paris from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 the world's scientists and politicians will be meeting to make long-reaching decisions about Climate Change and moving to a low-carbon future.

### What is COP21?

France will be hosting and presiding the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, otherwise known as the Paris Summit. COP21 will be a crucial conference, as it needs to achieve a new international agreement on the climate, applicable to all countries, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.

Across the world faith communities have been raising their voices and concerns, especially the need to protect the most vulnerable communities and countries. (<http://ourvoices.net/>)

The Church of England, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund have come together to organise a Pilgrimage to Paris ahead of these talks. Please pray for the pilgrims as they travel to Paris in an act of solidarity with those most affected by climate change. (<http://www.pilgrimage2paris.org.uk/>)

The Exeter Diocese is committed to the '**Shrinking the Footprint**' campaign to seriously reduce carbon. Christians and others in Devon are invited to wear a green cross badge to demonstrate they care about God's creation, about future generations and for those most threatened in our link Dioceses in Melanesia, Kenya and Cyprus and the Gulf.

For other resources:

<http://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/resources/>

Please wear a green cross badge in solidarity:

- *to express your active concern about Climate Change*
- *to remind you to pray and reflect on one of the most serious issues facing us*
- *to encourage you to campaign for climate justice*
- *to change your own consumer lifestyles*
- *to live in hope for a fairer and more sustainable society*

### **Introductory Prayer:**

Let us pray:

***Gracious God, Creator of All, we raise our hearts in grateful praise for all the beauty that surrounds us. May we learn to respect all as a sacred gift and do what we can to repair the damage we have caused through our consumerism, greed and carelessness. Grant us an ecological conversion so that we can leave our next generation with a future full of hope where there is enough for all. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

### **Responsive Prayers:**

We pray that the December UN Climate Change Conference in Paris will be a real turning point for a climate change policy and that all leaders will acknowledge that our present treatment of earth, our home, is abusive.

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray that our leaders will have the courage to take immediate action on the issue of climate change for the sake of all life

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray in gratitude for the gift of God's creation and ask that we may learn to walk softly on this Earth

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray that all will have an attitude of wonder and awe as we learn the history of our Universe and see the mystery and beauty of creation

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray for all those who are victims of climate change and we ask that we who are responsible for this suffering may make choices which are life-giving for all

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray in gratitude for all those who bring awareness of the suffering planet, acknowledge that all creation is sacred, and work to bring about a change in our attitude towards Earth, our common Home

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray that all Faith Communities will have a prophetic voice, raise the moral issue of Climate Change, and inspire each of us to reverence and care for all of creation

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray for all creatures with whom we share the Earth that they will continue to be a presence among us

#### ***Creating God, help us change our ways***

We pray that we may bring to an end our dependence on gas and oil and transition to a Green Economy

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[Sr. Marlene Kelly, Citizens for Public Justice]