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COP31 Prayer Points

United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31), Antalya, Turkey, 9-20 November 2026

For courageous action

- Pray that COP31 marks a shift from negotiation to implementation, with governments taking urgent practical action on climate commitments.
- Pray for integrity, wisdom, and courage among leaders as difficult decisions are made.
- Pray that economic and political interests do not outweigh the common good and wellbeing of people and planet.

For climate justice

- Pray for the countries and communities experiencing the worst impacts of climate change already.
- Pray that particularly vulnerable nations will have their voices heard in negotiations and taken seriously.
- Pray for shifts towards fair climate finance that ensure support for countries facing the greatest risks who have the least capacity to respond.

For resilience and adaption

- Pray that COP31 delivers meaningful support for those on the frontlines of the climate crisis, to prepare for extreme weather, recover from disasters, and build resilience for future.
- Pray that new commitments lead to practical help in building resilient homes, buildings, infrastructure and food systems.
- Pray for those working to strengthen communities against future climate impacts.

For the church

- Pray for Christian representatives at COP31, that they may bear faithful witness to the love of Christ, speaking up for those most affected by climate change and advocating for the protection of God's creation.
- Pray that the Church will act as a lighthouse in stormy times, leading people to respond to environmental challenges with faith, courage, and compassion.

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A Prayer for COP31

God of all creation,

We give you thanks for the beauty, diversity and abundance of the earth that you have entrusted to our care.

As leaders, negotiators, scientists, communities and campaigners gather for COP31, grant them wisdom, courage, strength through long hours of discussion and decision making. Where there is division, bring cooperation. Where there is short-term thinking, grant eyes to see beyond immediate interests.

We pray for those already experiencing the worst impacts of climate change: communities facing drought, floods, wildfires, rising sea levels and food insecurity. May the voices of nations most at risk be heard and taken seriously. Help wealthier nations act with responsibility and in solidarity with the vulnerable.

Deepen our commitment to cherish your creation, to live more lightly up on the earth, and to seek climate justice for present and future generations.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.