



2. INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENT IN WORSHIP

Walk & Take Notice photo: the Moshin family via Wirral Deen Centre

At any point during the month, we're asking people to include the environment and COP26 in a service or worship. This may be through including a prayer for the environment, it may be through the readings and sermons or it could be through choice of music. You could include the environment in children and youth group activity. And mention the environment and COP26 in newsletters, on websites and on social media.

Walk & Take Notice photo: Holy Trinity Church, Downall Green



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WHAT IS COP26?

COP is the UN global conference on climate change. It will be hosted by the UK in Glasgow on the 1st – 12th November 2021. The summit is the 26th gathering of world leaders to coordinate action to stop the rise in global temperatures. The first summit was in 1995.

Many people believe that COP26 is our last chance to act on climate change.

This is because the effects of climate change are already visible here in the UK, through increased flooding, storms and heatwaves, but are even more visible across the world. In Kenya, farmers no longer know when to plant or harvest crops because the rain seasons are no longer reliable. Countries like Haiti, Pakistan and the Philippines struggle to recover from increased frequency and severity of natural disasters. Across the world 24 million people were displaced by weather related disasters in the last year. As climate change begins to alter patterns of disasters, these figures will get worse. Urgent action is needed to limit the rise in global temperatures.

A UN report says 2021 is a “make or break year” in the fight against climate change. The last summit in 2019 failed to agree tough climate action. It is important that we are all aware of what COP26 is, and that we use this knowledge to make our concerns and care for the environment known to our politicians.

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BAHA'I

Explore [Baha'i faith and nature](#)

Draw from [Bahá'u'lláh's writings](#) on the theme of nature

[The Revolutionary Baha'i Approach to Climate Change](#)

Read the [Baha'i Faith Statement on the Environment](#)

Use these Baha'i quotations on [Environment and Sustainable Development](#)

BUDDHISM

[The Time to Act is Now, A Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change](#)

Read Thich Nhat Hanh's statement on [Climate Change](#) for the United Nations

[Buddhist Concept of Nature](#)

[Awakening in the Age of Climate Change](#)

Use this [meditation on the environment](#) in The Right Actions

[The Five Mindfulness Trainings](#)

Watch [The Way Out: An Urgent Film about the Climate Crisis](#)

CHRISTIANITY

[Christian Aid](#) - Christel and Darren are the Christian Aid workers covering Merseyside, Cheshire and Greater Manchester. They can speak at services - download their speaker request form [here](#).

[Create a Prayer Wall of Hope](#) - download the information [here](#)

[Eco Church](#) - and find the Worship and Teaching resource [here](#)

[Tearfund](#) [Ruth Valerio](#)

Read [Laudato Si](#)

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Use the [Green Christian prayer guide](#)

Use [CAFOD's](#) intercessions for climate and the environment

Use the [Church of England's](#) prayers for World Environment Day

Use the [Social Justice Resource Centre prayers](#)

HINDU

Add your name to the [Hindu Declaration on Climate Change](#) Convocation of Hindu Spiritual Leaders

Draw from the [Green Temple Guide](#) for readings, prayers, rationale and guidance

Read the [Hindu Faith Statement on the Environment](#) - finding the balance

Use these [prayers for Peace and Mother Earth](#)

Use these [prayers and reflections](#) from ARRCC

ISLAM

Use these template Friday sermons from the [Muslim Council of Britain](#)

[Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences \(IFEES\)](#)

[Wisdom In Nature](#)

[XR Muslims](#) - 'Protect Our Planet Place of Prayer'

[Islam and Environmental Sustainability and Protection](#)

Use these [10 Quranic Verses that Guide Us to a Greener Future](#)

Use these [prayers written by students](#)

Use these [prayers for relief and protection](#) to help tackle climate anxiety

Consider [Hadiths on the Environment](#)

Plan for your [Sadaqa Day](#) to benefit the environment

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JUDAISM

[Eco Synagogue](#) - and find case studies [here](#)

Use Rabbi Daniel S Nevins' [Prayer For The Planet](#).

Read [Eco Bible: an Ecological Commentary on Genesis and Exodus](#)

[Praying For A Sustainable World](#)

[American Jewish World Service](#)

[Jewish Climate Action Network](#)

Use these [10 prayers and rituals](#) for the environment

Use the [Religious Action Centre](#) (Reform) environment resource

Get involved in [Mitzvah Day](#) with eco actions

SIKH

[Eco Sikh](#) - and find environmental theology [here](#)

Read about [Sikhism and Caring For The Environment](#)

Read about [Sikhism and Ecological issues](#)

Read the [Sikh Faith Statement on the Environment](#)

Watch this [Sikh Prayer on Climate Change](#) sung by Rajwinder Kaur

Use the prayers from [40 Days of Prayer for Mother Earth](#) 2019

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