

We here acknowledge that we play a part in this dying back. We participate by our carelessness, ignorance, and indifference.

We are here with regret, shame, anger or grief for our part in the death of healthy ecosystems and the resulting extinction of creatures.

We grieve humans' lack of awareness of, and concern about, the destruction of interdependent communities that have taken billions of years to develop.

*Assembled and written by Green Christian
Trustee, Andii Bowsher*

Sunday 30th November

Advent Sunday

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks

of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- Author Unknown

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online>

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Prayer guide for the care of creation

November 2025



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Ordinary Christians, extraordinary times

Saturday 1st November

Join with many other Christians from around the world with the monthly Pray and Fast for the Climate Movement on the first of each month. Prayer points for this month will be on their website.

Merciful God, we believe that you uphold and sustain all that you have made, while also lovingly giving us the freedom to live in relationship with the rest of creation. We ask your forgiveness for the ways we have abused that freedom, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We bring our lament and our longing for a renewed earth to you now:

(Christian Climate Action's prayer for climate grief).

<https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/resources/>

Sunday 2nd November

God of hope,
we cling to you,
for you renew the face of the earth.
Through the gift of your Son,
our Lord Jesus,
we follow you on the path of dawn.
Enlightened by your love and wisdom,
help us to lead each other
and all creatures
back to your open arms.
Amen.

Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/god-of-hope>

Monday 3rd November

With one week to go before COP30 opens in Brazil, pre sessional meetings are starting from today. These include the 14th Meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and the 126th meeting of the Clean Development Mechanism Executive board, as well as coordination meetings between various groups of countries.

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Tuesday 4th November

Brazil's environment agency, IBAMA, has approved an environmental license for state-owned oil company Petrobras to drill for oil near the mouth of the Amazon River, writes Shanna Hanbury. The license, issued Oct. 20, allows the company start drilling the offshore Morpho well in oil block FZA-M-059, about 500 kilometers (311 miles) from the river's mouth, and 2.8 km (1.7 mi) below the seafloor. Environmental groups have vehemently condemned the decision, saying they will pursue legal action.

Thursday 27th November

Laysan albatrosses are thriving again on Guadalupe Island, a slab of volcanic rock about 240 kilometres off the western coast of Mexico. It is one of almost 100 Mexican islands where both people and wildlife are gaining from an initiative to restore their battered ecosystems. The initiative has prioritized the eradication of invasive alien species – the primary driver of losses and extinctions among the unique flora and fauna that evolved on isolated islands – before giving a helping hand to species ranging from the majestic albatrosses to little-known endemic plants to stage a comeback. The United Nations has named the initiative, which has been running for a quarter-century and posted impressive results, among its World Restoration Flagships – sites across the world honoured by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration for exemplary large-scale and long-term ecosystem restoration. The accolade is part of a global effort to nurse nature back to health and make land- and seascapes everywhere more resilient to climate change.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/how-locally-extinct-seabirds-returned-mexicos-islands>

Friday 28th November

Great British (GB) Energy, the publicly owned energy company to help deliver the UK's 2030 clean power targets, will provide funding for 34 NHS trusts to add solar panels to around 70 new sites, including hospitals and mental health facilities, writes Sidhi Mittal. This expansion brings the total

number of NHS sites involved in the programme to about 260. The initiative is expected to save NHS trusts up to £65m in energy costs over the lifetime of the new installations. Across all sites, lifetime savings are estimated to reach £325m, with the average NHS site projected to save around £35,000 a year. The NHS, the largest energy user in the public sector, faces annual energy bills of about £1.34bn, nearly double what it paid in 2019. Rising costs have been driven by fluctuations in global fossil fuel markets.

<https://www.edie.net/nhs-to-save-65m-through-solar-panel-deal-with-gb-energy/>

Saturday 29th November

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day for Lost Species

We pause to remember our place at the beginning of the Sixth Great Extinction on Planet Earth.

For 4.5 billion years our earth has been developing: bringing to birth, becoming more complex, more organized, more conscious.

The other great extinctions during the past 450 million years happened by forces of geology and accidents, involving physics and chemistry. This time, our species is bringing ruin to whole ecosystems, cancelling entire species, laying waste the interdependence of ecosystems.

India – between March 2024 and February 2025. This is almost 10% below the average annual area burned over the past two decades. But, due to an increase in wildfires in carbon-rich forests, the CO2 emissions resulting from these fires were almost 10% above average. The report also zooms in on four of the most prominent extreme wildfire events during this time: southern California; north-east Amazonia; South America's Pantanal-Chiquitano region; and the Congo Basin. All of these events were found to have been more likely to occur as a result of human-caused climate change.

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/global-wildfires-burned-an-area-of-land-larger-than-india-in-2024/>

Tuesday 25th November

The European Commission has proposed delaying the EU's flagship anti-deforestation law for the second year in a row as it continues its war on red tape. The rules, which would force companies to stop using commodities that have been produced on deforested land, are unpopular with many businesses who argue they impose complex regulatory burdens. Several of the EU's trading partners have also complained about the law. "[W]e still cannot believe that we can really get this without disruption for our businesses," the EU's environment commissioner Jessika Roswall told reporters on Tuesday, announcing the delay of the European Union Deforestation Regulation. "We need the time to combat the risk with the load of information in the IT system."... It's the latest in a long string of

actions by the Commission since late last year to weaken or delay green rules, part of a grand push to get rid of red tape and boost the global competitiveness of European industry. The anti-deforestation rules, which target commodities such as coffee, beef, soy and palm oil, require companies to look deep into their supply chain to ensure these commodities hadn't contributed to deforestation or human rights abuses.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-deforestation-rules-delayed-again/>

Wednesday 26th November

Just 28% of countries have met a UN call to submit new plans on addressing nature loss – a year after the original deadline, Carbon Brief analysis shows. Article writer Daisy Dunne continues: Several of the world's most biodiverse countries – including Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Africa – are among those that have not yet released their nature plans.

Countries were asked to submit their pledges, known as national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), by the start of the COP16 biodiversity summit in Colombia on 21 October 2024. After only 15% of nations met the original deadline, countries agreed at the summit to a new text that "urges" countries to release their NBSAPs "as soon as possible". Many developing countries have expressed that a lack of available funding has prevented them from publishing their NBSAPs.

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-just-28-of-countries-have-released-nature-pledges-a-year-after-un-deadline/>

"[President] Lula has just buried his claim of being a climate leader at the bottom of the ocean at the mouth of the Amazon River," Suely Araújo, public policy coordinator at the Climate Observatory, a Brazilian watchdog organization, said in a statement. "The government will be duly sued for this in the coming days."... The oil company said the drilling will start immediately and is expected to last for five months, meaning it will overlap with the COP30 climate summit, the first to be hosted by Brazil, in the Amazon Rainforest.

<https://news.mongabay.com/short-article/2025/10/environmental-groups-slam-amazon-oil-drilling-approval-ahead-of-cop30/>

Wednesday 5th November

Brazil's [COP30] presidency has named several priorities focused around mobilising climate action and meeting climate finance goals. Global Witness takes a look at each of these in the days before COP 30 officially starts:

1) A renewed focus on ending forest loss:

At COP26, over 140 countries promised to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030, a pledge reaffirmed at COP28. But despite gains in the Brazilian Amazon under Lula's government, global forest loss hit record highs in 2024, and we are veering dangerously off-course. Lasting change requires stronger laws to protect forest defenders, enable deforestation-free trade, and an end to the finance driving forest destruction. Against this backdrop, Brazil plans to launch the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) at COP30, a

proposed \$125 billion fund that would invest money in global markets and use the profits to pay tropical forest countries that protect their forests. But this new facility risks papering over the bigger issue: the vast private finance still flowing to deforesting companies. If leaders are serious about saving forests, they must ensure that the TFFF supports Indigenous and local communities directly and sets a new standard for deforestation-free finance, ideally starting with regulations that govern the whole system, not just the fund.

<https://globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/fossil-fuels/everything-you-need-to-know-about-cop/>

Thursday 6th November

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2) Baku to Belem Roadmap to 1.3T: UN climate chief Simon Stiell has called this roadmap a "how-to guide" on raising climate finance, which will lay out concrete steps to meet the NCQG's total \$1.3 trillion goal. Ways to raise money – on top of contributions from developed countries – could include private and philanthropic investment, levies on polluting industries, and reforms of multilateral development banks (such as the World Bank and the IMF) to allow them to buy existing private loans for energy transition projects in low-income countries. Plans for the roadmap

were shared at Bonn, with updates due to be discussed at COP30.

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3) Updated National Determined

Contributions (NDCs): Crucial to staying within the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C global heating threshold are each country's individual plans to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, known as NDCs. Every five years, countries must submit revised NDCs to the UNFCCC secretariat, adapting their projected targets and actions to the evolving climate emergency. The third round of NDCs were due in February 2025, but so far only 20 out of 195 parties have submitted theirs. COP30 CEO Ana Toni has optimistically said that these delays could indicate a more thorough stocktake of NDCs and practical plans for their implementation. Whatever the reason, talks at COP30 will look to ease "bottlenecks."

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4) Turning negotiations into action:

Thirty years of climate negotiations in, and following last year's criticisms from leading UN climate voices that COP is "no longer fit for purpose", COP30 president do Lago is calling for a new era of "climate urgency" that moves COP into a "post-negotiation" phase. The tone he hopes to set is less about debate and more about actionable plans. But with multiple petrostates throwing obstacles in the path towards banning fossil fuels at recent COPs, just how far negotiators can push the final text remains to be seen.

<https://globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/fossil-fuels/everything-you-need-to-know-about-cop/>

Sunday 9th November

The United Nations climate conference, COP30, begins tomorrow. Let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for the Church: may we speak and act together as we urgently work towards good stewardship of your creation and your presence in all living things. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world; the interdependence of all living things; the beauty and flourishing of the planet plundered and misused for generations by human activity; may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused. Lord, in your mercy...

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Friday 21st November

End of COP – Day 12

Final day at COP30 in Brazil. No thematic programming to allow Parties to focus on the final stages of the negotiations. Pray for last minute break throughs and consensus on action.

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Saturday 22nd November

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Sunday 23rd November

Come Lord Jesus, come
and let your light shine through us
so that through our actions
we may be salt for the earth,
a light in people's sight
and that we might reach out to you
in one another,
especially those in need.
Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/let-your-light-shine>

Monday 24th November

"Extreme" wildfires emitted more than 8bn tonnes of carbon dioxide during the 2024-25 "global fire season", according to a new report. The annual "state of wildfires" report from an international team of scientists finds that fires burned at least 3.7m square kilometres of land – an area larger than

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Tuesday 18th November

COP Day 9

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<https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/cop30-announces-ambitious-thematic-days-invites-the-world-to-belem>

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Wednesday 19th November

COP Day 10

These last two thematic days will address food, agriculture, and equity at their roots, covering agriculture, food systems and food

security, fisheries, and family farming. They will also emphasize debates related to Women, Gender, and Afrodescendants, as well as Tourism.

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Thursday 20th November

COP Day 11

Yesterday and today will address food, agriculture, and equity at their roots, covering agriculture, food systems and food security, fisheries, and family farming. They will also emphasize debates related to Women, Gender, and Afrodescendants, as well as Tourism.

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We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good. Lord, in your mercy...

O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/cop30-intercessions>

Monday 10th November

COP day 1 see the opening plenary meetings. COP30's main challenges are:

- agreeing commitment for climate finance
- ensuring that emission reduction targets are compatible with climate science
- dealing with the socio-economic impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations.

The themes for today and tomorrow will highlight Adaptation, Cities, Infrastructure, Water, Waste, Local Governments, Bioeconomy, Circular Economy, Science, Technology, and Artificial Intelligence, laying the groundwork for climate readiness and resilience across all systems, sectors, communities, and regions.

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Tuesday 11th November

COP Day 2. The themes for today continue with Adaptation, Cities, Infrastructure, Water, Waste, Local Governments, Bioeconomy, Circular Economy, Science, Technology, and Artificial Intelligence, laying the groundwork for climate readiness and resilience across all systems, sectors, communities, and regions.

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Wednesday 12th November

COP Day 3

The themes for today and tomorrow are Health, Jobs, Education, Culture, Justice and human rights, Information integrity, and Workers. These days also introduce the Global Ethical Stocktake, reinforcing equity and moral responsibility in climate governance.

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Thursday 13th November

COP Day 4

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Friday 14th November

COP Day 5

Themes today and tomorrow zoom in on systems transformation across Energy, Industry, Transport, Trade, Finance, Carbon markets, and Non-CO₂ gases, supporting the global push to triple renewable energy, double energy efficiency, and transition away from fossil fuels in a just, orderly, and equitable manner.

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Saturday 15th November

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Sunday 16th November

COP Day 7 - rest day

As the United Nations climate conference, COP30, continues, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for world leaders: that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all live within it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church: may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the

decisions taken at COP30 and take action to achieve them. Lord, in your mercy... We pray for the world; that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and local community: that decisions taken in our parish life will help us live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the earth and all life within it. Lord, in your mercy... O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/cop30-intercessions>

Monday 17th November

COP Day 8

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