

Personal notes from Bishop Philip Huggins and Sarwat Tasneem

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‘Beholding the love of God for all creation has no boundaries. Everything and everyone is included.

With beloved friends, I am drawn to offer prayers for the miraculous transformation of our planetary life at this time.

We understand the difference between a holy place with a holy atmosphere and one that needs a transfiguring influence.

Our disfigured world needs our loving prayers and meditations to become whole again.’



A personal note from Ms Sarwat Tasneem

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‘My many years of working with faith communities and interfaith groups across the UK, in the Middle East and in New Zealand, always drew on the shared commitment of justice.

We must work together, collaborate and be in-synch with the natural world in order to limit the destruction that may well befall on our children and their children through climate change. We cannot do this on our own. Now is the time for compassion and prayer.

My participation as a COP26 & 27 Faiths Advisor and advocate for indigenous peoples in the Global South, has highlighted the plight of the most vulnerable to disastrous climate change impacts. Where lush marshes once flowed, droughts have ensued, crops fail. Where oceans once provided foods for the most humble, anxiety and poverty increases.

Yet, Faith and spirituality remain and prosper and our essential connection to land, rivers, oceans and skies is a constant reminder of our duty to care and protect earth’s gifts to us.

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A mechanism in Islam that is deemed as a tool to assist in our social responsibilities; to all of creation – this includes the natural environments we live in and take from. In providing a safe

place of sanctuary and seeking spirituality during UN COP27 virtually and in-person, we can come together and unite in prayer and silence, for the betterment of our world. ‘