

An example of a Prayer from ILC member Lindsey Fielder Cook, Quaker United Nations Office Representative on Climate Change



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We, our voices from faith communities across the world, join in prayer and meditation for meaningful decisions and intention for urgent co-action at the climate conference (COP27) in Egypt.

We pray for courage and compassion to transform those human activities destroying nature and altering the climate system on which our lives depend.

We pray our hearts to reject fear and embrace love, hope and transformation for a more healthy, safe, clean and sustainable world. We pray for strength so that our lives are patterns and examples.

We pray for protection of climate activists and environmental defenders, who often risk their health, if not their lives, to break the silence.

We pray for protection of climate scientists to work without intimidation and with sufficient funding and support.

We pray for protection of the poor and most vulnerable communities, those least responsible yet most affected by our insufficient climate action.

We pray that our leaders listen to grasp the urgency expressed, in the latest science, and to guide our economic systems to reject dependence on extraction, exploitation and accumulation through dispossession.

We pray for wisdom, courage and compassion in our climate negotiators, to find shared solutions together that honour needs of the poorest, while reflecting meaningful action from the richest and highest emitters.

We pray the developed countries will lead in greenhouse gas emissions and climate finance, as they promised in the Paris Agreement.

We pray leaders in all countries will do all they can to rapidly reduce extraction and burning of fossil fuels, and promote sustainable economic, social and political systems to stabilize global temperature rise at 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.

We pray that developed countries meet their promise of 100 Billion dollars a year to help developing countries implement climate action, money in the form of grants rather than loans.

We pray for sufficient finance for Loss and Damage, supporting those communities already profoundly affected by climate change no matter what we do.

We pray, from the Paris Agreement Rulebook, for ambitious, effective and fair compliance in common time frames and transparency in reporting.

We pray for human rights and Indigenous People's Rights to be included and better protected, including protection of these rights in carbon trading schemes.

We pray for an inclusive conference, in which the voices of the least powerful are heard alongside the most powerful.

We pray that delegates attending the COP remain healthy and return home in peace.