



## Prayer Guide

**Climate disruption is a major challenge affecting the world today.** As carbon pollution continues and climate impacts worsen, trying to make a difference can quickly become overwhelming. Rather than give into apathy or despair, however, we're called to be people of love and hope. Our hope is in a God who deeply loves the world and has blessed us with the capacity, understanding, and resources to overcome this great challenge together.

**Climate action is about loving God, loving our neighbors, and caring for creation.** This is an integral part of our Biblical discipleship and witness, and it can't be done apart from prayer. By praying for climate action, you are joining with fellow Christians from across the world, as we ask God for help, wisdom, and strength, in responding faithfully to this growing crisis.

Here are five key areas that we will be praying for together:

### **1. For those suffering from the impacts of climate disruption in our own country and worldwide—that God will provide and protect:**

- Climate impacts include extreme and erratic weather, acidifying oceans, rising sea levels, failing crops, water shortages, bigger wildfires, declining fisheries, and more.
- These impacts hit the poor and vulnerable the hardest. They also lead to more resource-based conflicts, political instability, and increased human trafficking.
- Evangelical relief and development agencies report that climate change is undoing the progress they've made over the last few decades to improve access to water, food, healthcare, education, and more.
- Use the "Harvey Info" document and the "Prayer for Those Impacted by Climate Change" documents, downloadable at [yecaction.org/dayofprayer](http://yecaction.org/dayofprayer), to guide your prayer toward those still suffering the impacts of Hurricane Harvey one year after the storm.

### **2. For the rest of God's creation that is struggling to adapt quickly enough to changing climatic patterns – that God would sustain and restore:**

- The Bible teaches that God cares for and sustains his creation (see Psalm 104), but that creation is groaning and in need of redemption from the effects of sin (see Romans 8:19-22).
- Climate change has become the #1 threat to biodiversity today as many species of animals and plants lose suitable habitat and face extinction.
- Creation brings glory to God and we are uniquely created in his image and given the responsibility to be good stewards of the rest of creation.

### **3. For the Church to respond faithfully to the challenge of climate change – that God would awaken and empower:**

- The global Church—through international partnerships like the Lausanne Movement founded by Billy Graham—is praying and waiting for Christians in the United States to join with them in responding to this issue.
- There’s still a lot of confusion and controversy in parts of the Church around climate change, and we need help re-engaging this issue from a Biblical perspective.
- A growing number of churches, campuses, ministries, and denominations are stepping up to get involved here, and we need everyone to do their part, from the younger generations to the senior leaders.
- Use the “Prayer of Repentance” document, downloadable at [yecaction.org/dayofprayer](http://yecaction.org/dayofprayer), to repent of your own complicity in the climate crisis and to commit toward more faithful action moving forward.

### **4. For our political leaders to implement responsible climate solutions—that God would convict and unite:**

- World leaders as they begin to implement the Paris Agreement in their own countries, and for the Trump Administration to rejoin this important global effort.
- Where there is resistance within some countries to address climate change, we need leadership across all parts of society to propose creative solutions.
- We also need to invest in green jobs and new technology, adapt to the climatic changes already underway, and care for those who are being impacted the most.
- Use the “Prayer for Political Leaders” document, downloadable at [yecaction.org/dayofprayer](http://yecaction.org/dayofprayer), to guide your prayer for our political leaders.

### **5. For all other key players connected to this growing problem—that God would guide and bless:**

- For the fossil fuel industry to adapt and lead instead of opposing solutions.
- For the environmental movement to experience God at work in his creation.
- For the scientific community to continue uncovering accurate knowledge about the problems and solutions.
- For the media to communicate important information with clarity and charity.
- For all of us to find our place in responding faithfully to this moral challenge.

