



How You Can Pray and Act

- Host a letter writing party! Every legislator's staff will tell you – correspondence matters! You want your message to be simple and to the point. It can be as simple as “Dear _____, Today marks the anniversary of Hurricane Harvey. We know that climate change makes storms like Harvey more frequent and more intense. Please act courageously to reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions. Thank you, (your name) (your address).” <https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2018/05/ucs-SNTK-letter-5-18.pdf>
- Put your (friends') money where your mouth is! There are a lot of relief and advocacy organizations that can do a lot of good with more funding. You can gather donations online through Facebook, crowdsource sites such as gofundme.com, directly on organizations' websites, or even in person by asking people to bring a check to an event. The number 1 reason anyone donates is because they were asked, so remember to ASK your friends and the people you gather together to give to this important cause.
- Clean up a river or plant a tree! These symbolic actions do a bit of good and can generate a lot of awareness and commitment from those involved. If you plant a tree on your churches property, you can also add a small sign or a plaque indicating that the tree was planted to remind the community of the real cost of climate change, and to inspire them to hopeful action.
- Take a climate action pledge! Personal commitments get people's skin in the game and often lead to more and deeper engagement on an issue. A climate pledge could include ways to reduce one's climate footprint, as well as a commitment to be a “climate voter.” Ask attendees to take their pledge cards home and hang it in a prominent place where they will see it and be reminded of their commitments each day. <https://cotap.org/reduce-carbon-emissions/>
- Take local action! People all over the country are taking action by telling their cities to transition to 100% renewable energy. Find out when your city council meets and bring as many people as you can to demand your city takes faithful climate action! <https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100/commitments>
- Join with like minded neighbors! Chances are there is a People's Climate March happening somewhere near you. It is a powerful testament when people of faith join en masse to a march! Wear your church's swag, bring along as many congregants as you can, and ask your pastor to join in too! And if there isn't a Climate March happening nearby, well, you're just the person to start one – this website makes it easy! <https://peoplesclimate.org/actions/get-started/>

What are your ideas for faithful climate action? Post them to Twitter and Facebook with #Pray4Climate and join the conversation!

