

Congregational Considerations for during the Conference of the Parties 26 (CoP26)

(These link to the daily Themes of CoP26)

31 October 2021	Theme: Opening of CoP26: Climate Service in Oakshaw Trinity Church
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1 and 2 November 2021 Theme: World Leaders' Summit: Protecting Ecosystems		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Planting of trees; planting of flowers, shrubs and bushes which attract wildlife; making of shelters for animals and birds	Luke 13 6-9 Reminder: planting needs tending	For our world, for creation, for our relationship with the world

3 November 2021 Theme: Finance: Circular Economy (i.e. an economy where waste is eliminated, resources are circulated and nature is regenerated)		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Repurpose/ reuse things that would otherwise be thrown away	2 Chronicles 24: 12 Reminder: no ancient church is in existence without recycling/ restoration/ maintenance	Reflection on sharing and caring. Pray for CoP26

4 November 2021 Theme: Energy: Keeping Warm / Powering our Homes		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Make a blanket or twiddlemuff for someone in hospital or a care home.	James 2:15ff Reminder: faith and action need to be balanced and are integrated into each other	Prayer for people living in fuel poverty

5 November 2021 Theme: Youth and Public Empowerment: Plastic Fantastic?		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Take personal action to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Reuse	Romans 14; 1-23 Reminder: plastic may not be all good or all bad but what we do with it certainly may be	For change and action For CoP26

6 November 2021 Theme: Nature: Storms and Weather Patterns		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Look out for an elderly or sick neighbour / friend	Acts 27: 18-26 Reminder: Global Warming is changing weather patterns across the whole world	For CoP26 and government actions and commitments. For personal commitments to change

7 November 2021 Theme: CoP26 Rest Day: Harvest of the Land		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Use seasonal / local produce. Support Christian Aid, Oxfam, Fairtrade etc. charities which support equality and fairness	Deuteronomy 24: 19 Reminder: think about this in reference to wildflower strips at the side of crops, which also take the place of pesticides and provides pollinators	Thankfulness for gifts from God, for fairness and justice

8 November 2021 Theme: Adaptation, Loss and Damage: Coasts and Seas		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Look out for a beach or river clean up campaign (or join with Renfrewshire Council's Clean Up campaign)	John 21: 4 and 21: 15-17 Reminder: what conversations and insights come to you on the threshold of land or sea?	For marine environments and those who work in them

9 November 2021 Theme: Gender: Our Global Connections		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Think about the interconnections of all humankind; the impact of the way we choose to live on the lives of others and about justice and fairness to others	Matthew 25: 31-46 Reminder: When global climatic damage happens it is usually the poorest who are hardest hit. We know what impact we are having on the world; how can we change this?	For the world, for our place in it, for our relationship with the rest of humankind, and nature. For justice and fairness.

10 November 2021 Theme: Transport: Healthy Transport		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Think about the different kinds of transport we use in our daily lives and why we make these choices.	Genesis 45: 21 Exodus 25: Ark of God Reminder: Could you use a different form in the future? E.g. a bike or electric vehicle	For change, for making good choices

11 November 2021 Theme: Cities, Regions and Built Environments:		
Idea	Bible reference	Prayer theme
Find out about air pollution in Scotland. How does this affect you and your family?	Exodus 9: 8-9 Reminder: The verses show how long we have understood the need for clean air	For health, for reduction of pollution across the world, for caring for others

12 November 2021 Theme: Closing of CoP26		
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