

Creative Prayer Ideas (continued)

Delicate conversations: You will need a tissue and a pen

Take a tissue and hold it. Ask God to place words and prayers on your heart for the conversations at COP26.

Begin to write these down on the tissue reflecting on how delicately you will need to write for the tissue not to break. Use this to pray for peace and protection over the delicate conversations.

If the tissue rips pray for restoration and redemption for fractures in conversations and in our world.

Tied in Knots: You will need a piece of string

Take a piece of string and start to tie knots in it. Think about a time when your choices were limited and tricky or a time when you faced financial challenges. How did this make you feel?

Keep tying knots until it looks much shorter than it was. Consider how it looks messy and tangles – much like the opportunities of nations in debt. Begin to untie the knots you tied.

As you wiggle, tug and twist them free, sense the relief when you get a knot out. Pray for this release over countries currently bound up in debt – for God's will to be done, that His kingdom will come and that people will know God as their ever present help in times of trouble.

Changed Prayers: You will need three coins

Hold the first coin and you pray for graceful communication, peaceful discussion and fruitful conversation between negotiators

Hold the second coin and pray for Holy Spirit wisdom and God-led guidance for our world leaders.

Hold the third coin and pray for the fair and careful stewardship of money by financial brokers.

A Prayer Walk around Glasgow



Blue Zone: The Scottish Event Campus where the main event is taking place

Pray for peaceful negotiations that are generous, life-giving, redemptive, and being about reconciliation and restoration.

Green Zone: Event Space – exhibitions, talks, films, cultural performances - at the Glasgow Science Centre open to the public

Pray for voices of truth to be heard and for life-giving, innovative ideas to be lifted up

Media and Communications based at BBC Scotland

Pray for those communicating to be discerning and truthful

George Square – area where people gather and where the City Council is based

Pray for peace and for good decisions as a host city

Suggested Prayer Points for COP26

- For hope and ambition to be at the heart of COP26 rather than worry and uncertainty
- Wisdom, guidance, and ambition for UK negotiators and Alok Sharma, COP26 president
- Strength and encouragement for those in Glasgow who are working to ensure venues are ready, secure and Covid-safe
- United decision-making and clear communication between country negotiators
- Wisdom and guidance for heads of state and government ministers as they bring their nation's priorities to the table; and that the voices of those most affected by climate change will be amplified and brought to their attention
- That individuals and teams who are fighting on behalf of poorer countries will have influence and power in decision-making meetings
- For wealthier, influential nations to make decisions that will benefit, not hinder, countries struggling with debt
- Protection and resources so communities already struggling because of the impact of climate change can adapt and flourish
- For the impact on – and voices of – the world's poorest to be central in all decision-making
- For forest protection and restoration to be included in international commitments and national climate plans
- That work will be done with local communities on forest protection and restoration projects, so that their voices are heard and they benefit from the restoration of creation

- For an increase in awareness of the importance of our earth's resources and positive steps to be taken in preserving these
 - For global companies and multinationals to be conscious of how to make a positive impact
 - That the voice of campaigners will be amplified and heard, especially on the issue of climate change
 - For young people to use their voice to speak up and speak out; and for their influence to make a difference at this crucial time
 - For freedom for campaigners all over the world as they fight for a better world, and for good relationships with governments that will lead to lasting change
 - For world leaders at COP26 to make joint commitments to get us on track for 1.5 degrees, and for a safer future for us all
 - For transformation and breakthrough to be achieved at COP26 that will create a positive impact for the future
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Creative Prayer Ideas (continued overleaf)

'Renew our world' song: You might need paper, pen, crayons..

As you listen to the song you could

- Ask God to speak to you
- Write down the lyrics that stand out to you – use these to inspire your prayers
- Draw images the song evokes in your mind and offer these to God as a prayer
- Just listen, soak in the lyrics, meditate on their meaning and add your 'Amen' at the end.