

‘Shine a Light on Climate Justice’

Climate Justice Candle

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Reading time: around 2 minutes.

Assembly, 17 September

Intro Reader 1 Chloe

The '*Shine a Light on Climate Justice*' initiative was launched at the National Ecumenical Prayer Service for COP21 in November 2015, in the presence of President Michael D. Higgins. Today, as we participate in this initiative, may it inspire us to make a difference and take action for our common home.

Reader 2 Monica

Let us pray: Creator God, we thank you for the wonders of the natural world. Help us to realise how important it is to preserve this world for future generations. Inspire us to collaborate with others and influence our leaders to make courageous decisions about our world when they meet for COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

Reader 3 Belinda

We thank you for this wonderful Earth, which we share with the entire community of life. May we become aware that our current aspirations for infinite economic gain cannot be sustained on a finite planet. May we learn to live in a way that respects all life, accepting that we must reduce our demands to allow other species to flourish.

Reader 1 Chloe

Loving God, humanity has become the dominant species on Earth. May we learn to use our power wisely and sustain the whole community of life rather than destroy it. As COP30 draws near in Belém, Brazil, let us each take the small steps we can while encouraging our leaders to take the big ones.

Reader 2 Monica

Creator of the galaxies and of the tiniest seeds, we are overwhelmed by the immensity of the task of changing our habits and practices to counter climate change. May we remember that even the tallest oak grew from a small acorn.

Reader 3 Belinda

Creator Spirit, we pray for visionaries, dreamers, thinkers and artists. May their work give us a fresh perspective on creation so that together we can bring about the change we want to see. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.