



Reconciliation with Creation in the Pacific A Prayer for Pre-COP Meetings in Fiji and Tuvalu

During this Season of Creation, and in the lead-up to COP31 (November 2026) and Pre-COP events in Fiji and Tuvalu (October 2026), we share this prayer resource with you. Please share it widely with your networks.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Some suggestions on how you may use this prayer in the lead-up and during the meetings (1 to 8 October) in the Pacific:

- For your personal prayer or mediation;
- In schools, universities or with youth groups;
- During liturgy and in parishes.

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ABOUT COP31 AND THE PRE-COP MEETING IN THE PACIFIC

Each year, countries that are party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement gather for the world's most important climate meeting. This is called the Conference of the Parties, or COP. It brings together representatives from governments, civil society organisations, business and academia.

COPs are a platform to negotiate and determine shared goals on climate action, accelerate the transition to clean energy and sustainable food systems, and mobilise necessary investment and funding.

This year, Türkiye will host COP31 in the city of Antalya from 9 to 20 November 2026. From 5 to 8 October 2026, Fiji will host a Pre-COP preparatory meeting, and Tuvalu will host a Leaders' event. Additionally, young climate leaders from the Pacific, Australia and key COP partner countries will come together in Fiji for a Youth Climate Dialogue run by UNICEF.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION?

Around the globe, Pacific island states are known as a tropical paradise and a popular holiday destination. All too often, the reality of climate change impacts already affecting these Small Island States – more accurately described as Great Ocean States – is not talked about. Livelihoods, ecological systems and entire islands are threatened by the changing climate, rising sea levels and ecological degradation on land, in coastal regions and in the ocean.

The Pre-COP events in October will be an important platform to draw attention to the climate reality across all of Asia and Oceania and call for a special focus on the oceans. Oceans are integral to how the planet regulates heat, stores carbon, supports biodiversity, sustains livelihoods and feeds local communities. Yet, despite this, oceans are still too often treated as an add-on in climate policy rather than a quintessential part of climate action.

The meetings in Fiji and Tuvalu will be an opportunity to make visible the needs and priorities of the entire region and to determine a joint call for climate action to bring to the negotiations at COP31.

A PRAYER FOR PRE-COP: RECONCILIATION WITH CREATION IN THE PACIFIC¹

Creator God – you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

Embrace with tenderness those who are meeting in Fiji and Tuvalu in October
to consider climate priorities of the Pacific and a regional COP31 response.
That they may have hearts that are filled with courageous awe and contemplation
to amplify Pacific voices seeking to keep ambitious climate goals within reach,
to find ways to enhance access to climate finance
and the sharing of First Nations wisdom connecting us all with the Blue Planet.
We seek communion with the oceans that create the [river above](#),
forming a safe climate for all.

Creator Christ – be with those affected by the increasing impacts
of climate disruptions and from overshoot of the world's resources
as consumption grows, especially those forced to migrate.

We stand with the peoples of Fiji and the Pacific
whose islands, homes, and lives are impacted the most
by climate disruptions, [a lost legacy](#).

Let their voices be heard and their grief be named.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Open their hearts to the conversion needed to love Sister, Mother Earth more fully,
to be integral with, not disconnected from Earth.

We are all standing on holy ground.

Creator Spirit – fill our hearts with love to be a voice for the voiceless,
to be ecological justice leaders in a world seeking heroic wisdom.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice
as our earth community gathers for [COP31](#) in November,
a place where radical decisions to care for our common home are needed.

Give us wisdom and passion to change our minds and hearts and our ways;
to live simply, walk gently, and advocate boldly –
that Earth may flourish, and future generations all “bala ga lili”²
as we seek reconciliation with God, with others and with Mother, Sister Earth. Amen.

¹ Words by Sue Martin, Ignatian Eco-Spirituality Coordinator at Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA).
Inspired by Laudato si' [Prayer for Our Earth](#).

² Yolŋu for giving and taking, co-creating balance through relationships of reciprocity and responsibility

SUPPORT THE JESUITS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

As people of faith, we reaffirm our urgent responsibility to protect our common home and defend climate justice for the most vulnerable. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the lived realities of impacted communities – especially Indigenous Peoples, frontline communities, and those historically marginalized – we call on global leaders and negotiators to seize the remaining window to limit warming, end the fossil fuel era, and ensure a just transition centred on human dignity and ecological healing.

The campaign invites all Jesuits, partners, and friends of the Society of Jesus to join in this work: to pray, to learn, and to act in solidarity with those most affected by climate injustice by signing on to the global campaign [*Turning Hope into Action 2026*](#) as individuals or on behalf of your institutions.

Learn more about the [River Above Asia Oceania Ecclesial Network \(RAOEN\)](#) that seeks to sustain dialogue and collaborative engagements among the Church, indigenous, and local communities, youth, and other faith-based organisations within and beyond Asia and Oceania, working towards an understanding of what is possible in the care for forests, oceans, and peoples.