



## **Prayer During COP 26**

**God, you uphold us always.**

**Free us from ignorance about your gifts of Creation  
so we can relate to earth's rhythms with humility.**

**Inspire us to welcome the truth when scientists speak of climate  
change and death of species, rejecting false pathways designed to  
confuse.**

**Strengthen our resolve to respect life in all its forms, choosing  
'to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently' as called for by  
Pope Francis and faith leaders on pilgrimage to COP26,  
listening to the cries of the earth, the poor, and future generations.  
Help us to urge our politicians to take urgent action in negotiating  
sustainable living.**

**Ground all our thoughts in your revealing Scriptures  
and the wisdom of holy women and men who have gone before us  
to help grow a new creation promised in your Cosmic Son.  
Give us a discerning spirit to work with the ecological and the human,  
the political and the economic realities of this world,  
and instil in us a spirit of respect, compassion and friendship  
able to imagine pathways of harmony.**

**Amen.**

*(Rev. Dr Charles Rue)*