



**World leaders will soon be gathering in Glasgow for the UN Climate Summit, COP26. We ask ourselves how we can take good care of God's creation and love our global neighbours who are hit first and worst by the climate crisis.**

**The challenge:**

- to **make at least one change** each week to reduce your carbon footprint (your total impact of environmentally damaging greenhouse gas emissions, usually measured in carbon dioxide equivalent, hence the name). Over five weeks, we are suggesting practical steps you can take, with a different theme each week.

- **to learn more** about the climate crisis and the COP26 UN Climate Conference

<https://interfaithscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Briefing-for-Faith-Communities-and-Actions-for-COP26-updated-24-May-21.pdf>

- **to reflect** on our own responses to the climate crisis. Pray for those most impacted by it and pray for the success of the conference.

**THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: LIVE SIMPLY**

Manufacturing is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions globally. To reduce our carbon footprint we need to reduce the amount of new products we buy. The more waste that can be diverted from landfill, the better. Decaying, biodegradable landfill waste releases greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change. If we recycle as much as possible, less goes to landfill and precious materials can be used again to create new things instead of being used only once. By making sustainable choices where we can, for example, moving away from 'fast fashion' clothing choices, always making use of recycling facilities when they're available and choosing reusable items rather than single use items, we can help tackle climate change by reducing our emissions. Actions like this help create what is known as a 'circular economy', where goods and materials are kept in use for longer as we reduce, reuse, repair and recycle.

**Father, we are entrusted by you to serve and honour all creation.**

**Help me to put a face to climate change, so that it is not just an issue, but it's about a person who You created. Remind me of the people most impacted by climate change whenever I feel unmotivated to make changes in my life.**

## Climate Challenges: LIVE SIMPLY

<b>1 REDUCE</b> <b>Buy fewer clothes and buy clothes to last. Buy second-hand. Make repairs.</b> If you only buy clothes when you really need to, and spend your money on better quality <a href="#">sustainable clothes</a> or second-hand items, you can reduce your carbon footprint and make your money go further.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 RE-USE</b> <b>Donate any unwanted usable electrical goods, sofas, bikes etc. to the <a href="#">Community Re-Use Hub</a> in Dundee</b> who will give your unwanted items a new lease of life by repairing them and making them available to members of our community who need them the most. They may even be able to collect items from you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3 REPAIR</b> Next time something in your home is not working properly, why not see if you can <b>fix it</b> rather than throwing it away? Repairing your belongings cuts down on carbon pollution, saves you money and gives the satisfaction of the achievement, too.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4 RECYCLE</b> Make a trip to your local recycling centre with any waste electrical and electronic equipment, batteries, oil, metal or even rubble. Or recycle old batteries in your local supermarket.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5 DITCH DISPOSABLES</b> Buy cleaning products and other items in refillable cartons and cut down on packaging. Dundee: <a href="#">The Little Green Larder</a> <a href="#">Birchwood Emporium</a> Broughty Ferry: <a href="#">Love Your Planet</a> Use a refillable water bottle instead of buying bottled water. Use rechargeable batteries instead of single-use ones.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6 GIVE PLANET FRIENDLY GIFTS</b> Why not start planning for Christmas? Buy gifts in a charity shop; gift a membership, subscription or experience. Gift a tree in the Caledonian Forest <a href="https://treesforlife.org.uk/support/plant-a-tree/">https://treesforlife.org.uk/support/plant-a-tree/</a> Make your own gifts or gift a charity donation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7 USE COMMUNITY FACILITIES</b> Rediscover your local library. Not only can you save on buying books, but tools for home improvements and equipment can now be borrowed from the <a href="#">Dundee Community Toolbox</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>