

Climate and Finance

Here you can find resources to help you explore the theme of Climate and Finance in prayer, in commitment to action and in joining others to call for the ethical use of financial resources. The following resources have been put together by the team at [Operation Noah](#), a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on the climate crisis.

Activities

- Bible Studies
 - Operation Noah Bible Studies - [Complete Set](#)
 - [For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also](#)
 - [The earth is the Lord's](#)
 - [Follow me](#)
 - [The Parable of the Talents](#)
- [Role play](#): a thought-provoking role play for use with groups.

Stories

- [For the Love of Our Planet: Fossil Free Future](#): Short film (2 minutes 30 seconds) produced by Isaac Harvey, URC Youth
- [United Reformed Church](#) (UK) and [URC Synod of Wales](#) divest from fossil fuels
- A student encourages the Methodist Church to divest: [Martha Rand](#)
- Minister speaks out on pensions and fossil fuel investments: [John Howard](#)
- Local CofE church divests from fossil fuels: [St Mary's Walthamstow](#)
- Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton joins [global divestment announcement](#)
- St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh [ends fossil fuel investments](#)
- [Quakers in Britain](#) divestment from fossil fuels (including useful resources)
- Changing the direction of the national Church: [Church of Ireland](#)
- Churches investing in the clean energy future: [case studies](#)
- 'Everyone is Needed' with Bill McKibben: [Outrage + Optimism Podcast](#)

Prayers: for particular times in services (intercession, adoration, confession, dedication) or for individual prayer.

Prayer for ethical Investment (adapted from a prayer by Lya Vollering):

Dear Lord, we belong to you. All that we are and have is yours.

Help us to safeguard all that you have given into our care.

Pour out the power of your love, that we may protect all that is vulnerable:

Mother Earth and all her creatures.

Send your Holy Spirit to those of us who have been given the responsibility over money and resources.

Help us to invest wisely in all that nourishes and protects, harming no one.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

[Laudato Si Prayer](#)

Ecological Examen by Joseph Carver SJ

- All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image. Where was I most aware of this today?
- Can I identify how I made a conscious effort to care for God's creation during this day?
- What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation?
- How can I repair breaks in my relationship with creation, in my unspoken sense of superiority?
- As I imagine tomorrow, I ask for the grace to see the Incarnate Christ in the dynamic interconnectedness of all creation.

Hymns and songs – which fit with the theme and can be used in individual or corporate worship.

- [Earth Song](#)
- [This Place Is a Shelter](#)
- [All Creatures of our God and King](#)
- [Deep Peace](#)
- [Be Thou My Vision](#)
- [God of all Creation](#)
- [We Are The Tenants of the King](#)

Videos – for use in services or sharing online:

- [For the Love of Our Planet: Fossil Free Future](#): produced by Isaac Harvey, URC Youth
- [DivestInvest: a moral imperative](#)
- Create a brighter future today: [global divestment announcement](#)
- [Archbishop Desmond Tutu on divestment](#)

Commit

- [Divest your church](#): A guide on how your church can divest from fossil fuels.
- Invest in climate solutions: Here are [some case studies](#) of churches investing in clean energy. Learn more from [FaithInvest](#) and the [Catholic Impact Investing Collaborative](#).
- Switch to an ethical bank: ECCR's [Money Makes Change resources](#) for churches and charities.

Call

- Speak with other members of your church about the climate crisis and the importance of fossil fuel divestment.
- Ask your church minister or treasurer if divestment can be discussed at your next church council or PCC meeting.
- If your church makes a divestment commitment, [let Operation Noah know](#) and communicate the decision to national/regional Church investors in your denomination.
- Join the next [global joint divestment announcement for faith organisations](#) in May 2021.
- Spread the word: publicise your decisions in the media, including local press and radio, faith-based publications and social media. This will inspire others and multiply your impact.
- Connect with others campaigning for divestment in your Church denomination to increase your impact. [Get in touch with Operation Noah](#) to find out more.
- [Find out more about how your pension is being invested](#) and switch to the ethical option wherever possible.

Visit Operation Noah's [Bright Now campaign website](#) for more information about fossil fuel divestment and investment in clean alternatives.