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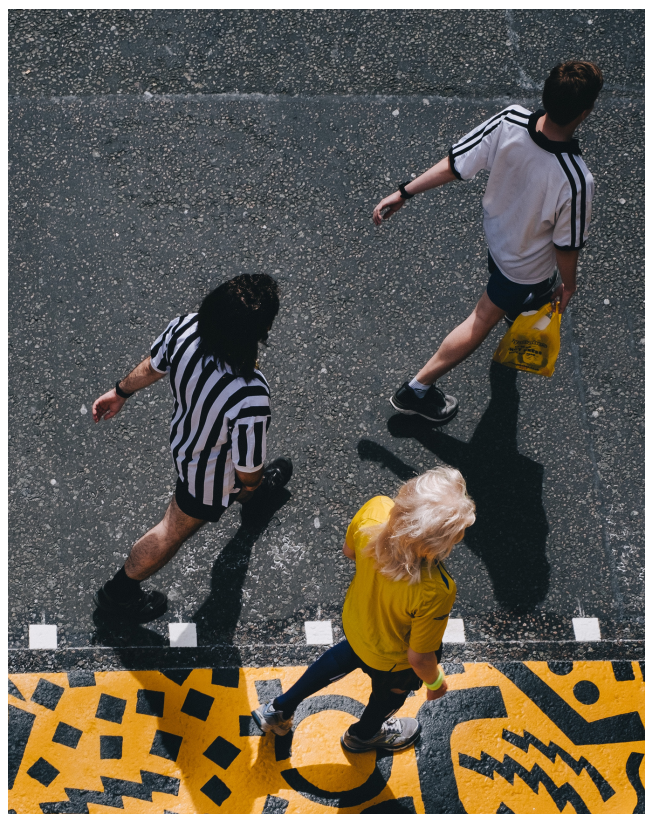
TAKE A STAND YOUTH PRAYER GUIDE

We follow a mighty, amazing and loving God who invites us to pray. Not small, timid prayers, but bold and brave prayers knowing that "this is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14.

This year young people across the UK are taking a stand in prayer. We are praying for climate justice and helping our friends do the same.

THE BIG IDEA:

- grab a friend, maybe your group (bearing in mind local rules about gathering)
- walk 1.5 miles as a symbol of asking governments to stop global warming at 1.5 degrees in order to protect our planet and those suffering the impacts of the climate crisis
- at your destination, use the prayer points below to pray. They don't need to be complicated prayers, just simple and heartfelt!
- once you've prayed, draw around your feet with chalk and write #takeastand
- take a picture, post it on your social media and nominate 3 friends to Take a Stand too



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PRAYER IDEAS



2021 is the year for environmental action. A small group of world leaders are meeting in Cornwall in June to create a greener, more prosperous future. And many world leaders are meeting in Glasgow this November to promise a global response to tackle the climate crisis.

Young people in the UK are Taking a Stand, rising up in prayer and action. This is our future.

THANK YOU GOD

Take a moment to thank God for His creation. Psalm 24:1 says "The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Think of your favourite bit of the whole world and give thanks.

Father, would you re-teach and allow us as the human race to re-learn how to care for this earth; people and animals you made.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES

As one of the We Are Tearfund community so powerfully said: 'We are moved by faith. We hear God's call to creation care and see a world that's been neglected, a world that's on fire, and if we the church don't care enough to put it out, who will?'

Pray that churches would do what we can to respond to the crisis.

PRAY FOR THOSE IMPACTED

India is suffering increasingly regular and extreme droughts and floods
Ecuador, Vietnam and island nations are fast losing ground to rising sea levels

Lord, we pray that we would take good care of this world and see changes to protect the environment and those most vulnerable in society.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray that decisions made at the G7 and COP 26 will be bold, brave decision which honour God. Ask God to guide our leaders so that the agreements made will be more than words, but also actions which start to create a better global future.

Creator God, we pray that world leaders would make change for good to help those most vulnerable to climate change.