

A prayer for COP (the United Nations Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

Sustaining God
as in November, at great cost and with great urgency
the leaders of our species
and those with concern for their common home
will gather in Glasgow,
we ask for your welcoming, affirming presence
in the many layers of gathering
which are part of that event.

Give to those who make decisions
a freedom from the burdens of a past
which have pushed us to this cliff-edge.

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Give a dawning vision of your offer of healing
greater than the blocked horizon of what it might cost

Argue and wrestle with the powers and principalities
of expediency and despair

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Open every human ear to the voices of the Earth, and of sisters, brothers,
siblings
who already suffer sharply

Save us from the despair of complacency
and the toxic temptation
when the visitors have departed
to embrace 'business as usual'
for that 'normal' has gone

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And our only future
will be in wakefulness
trust,
hope,
yes, joy

as we live out your love for the Earth we are part of
through your Word made Flesh
Jesus, our Friend.

Hosanna- God help us!
AMEN