

Calendar of Dates for Prayer and Action: 2022

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In this calendar, 'Special Sundays' and days around which individuals and churches might like to focus prayer and action are listed in bold type, with resources for those days in regular type. **Green** listings indicate dates relating to environment, agriculture and food; **dark blue** Fair Trade and trade; **orange**, refugees and asylum; **light blue**, peace and peacemaking; **red**, health; and **purple**, the persecuted church and religious freedom. Global events about which churches might wish to pray are in italics. Major events in the church year are in italics in colours often associated with those events.

Links go directly to the resources for the given days, except where those are not yet available, in which case the links go to the relevant organisation's main pages.

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JANUARY

1 January and 1st of each month - Pray and Fast for the Climate	Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. Resources: Pray and Fast
<i>1 January – Circumcision/ Naming of Christ</i>	An opportunity to pray for all children to be able to access birth registration, which gives the right to an official identity and legally recognised name. Info: UNICEF , Anglican Communion , IAFN
<i>5 Jan 2022</i>	<i>Second reading of the Nationality and Borders Bill, House of Lords</i>
<i>6 January – Epiphany/ Theophany (Orthodox)</i>	During the Epiphany season, could you reflect on the journeys of the Holy Family following the Wise Men's visit – and the journeys of refugees today? CCOW has resources for reflection and action on standing alongside refugees.
<i>7 January – Christmas (Orthodox)</i>	
9 Jan 2022 – Plough Sunday	Also Plough Monday (10) / Wednesday(12). Pray for all who farm worldwide. Resources: Arthur Rank Centre
16 Jan 2022 – Peace Sunday	Theme: 'Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace. Materials: Pax Christi
17 to 21 Jan 2022	World Economic Forum (Davos) Theme: 'Working together, restoring trust' Information: WEF Website
18 to 25 January – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	Theme: 'We saw his star in the East' (local theme), 'We saw his star in the East and we came to worship him' (intl theme). Materials from CTBI (local) and World Council of Churches (intl)
25 January – Conversion of St Paul	As you remember Paul's conversion, please pray for God to turn the hearts of those who persecute Christians today. Please also pray for Syria and the Syrian church.
27 January – Holocaust Memorial Day	Theme: 'One Day' Materials: Holocaust Memorial Trust , Council of Christians and Jews
30 Jan 2022 – Leprosy Sunday	Theme: 'United for dignity' Materials: International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations , Leprosy Mission

FEBRUARY

1 to 28 February 2022 – Show the Love	Theme: ‘The Fight that Unites’ A chance to join with others around the UK in pressing politicians to protect what we love by fulfilling our climate commitments. Materials: Climate Coalition
1 February – Pray and Fast for the Climate	Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. Resources: Pray and Fast
2 February – World Wetlands Day	Theme: Wetlands action for people and nature. Materials: World Wetlands Day
6 Feb 2022	<i>Elections in Costa Rica</i>
6 Feb 2022 – BMS Day of Prayer	Materials will be available from BMS World Mission
8 February – Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking/ St Josephine Bakhita Day	Materials: Santa Marta Group , Human Trafficking Search and Australian Justice and Peace Office . See also 23 August.
12 February – Red Hand Day Campaign	A time to pray for an end to use of child soldiers. Info: UNICEF , UN Special Representative: Children and Armed Conflict . Prayer resource: CCOW
13 Feb 2022 – Racial Justice Sunday	Theme and materials will be available from CTBI
14-18 Feb 2022	<i>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 55 and Working Group II Assessment Report 6 Approval Plenary (Approval of WGII AR6 report on climate impacts, adaptation and vulnerability)</i>
20 February – World Day of Social Justice	Info from the UN ; opportunity for prayer and action on a range of social justice issues. Suggestions: Joint Public Issues Team , National Justice and Peace Network
21 Feb to 6 March 2022 – Fairtrade Fortnight	Celebrate alongside the ‘Choose the World You Want’ Festival. Focus on Fairtrade and climate change. Fortnight materials from the Fairtrade Foundation , Traidcraft and CCOW
27 Feb 2022 – Church Action on Poverty Sunday	Theme: ‘Dignity, Agency, Power’ Materials: Church Action on Poverty
28 Feb – 2 March 2022	<i>UN Environment Assembly (Nairobi) Theme : ‘Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals’.</i> Info: UNEA website

MARCH

2 March 2022 – Ash Wednesday	This Lent, consider fasting from carbon – and donate savings to an organisation working for good. Some suggestions here .
3 March – World Wildlife Day	Materials will be available from UN
4 March 2022 – World Day of Prayer	Theme: ‘I know the plans I have for you’ Prepared by women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Materials: WDP
8 March – International Women’s Day	
9 March 2022	<i>Presidential Election in South Korea</i>
11 March 2022 – CAFOD Family Fast Day	Join in prayer, fasting and fundraising for CAFOD. Materials: CAFOD

11 to 20 March 2022 – British Science Week	Theme ‘Growth’ Pray for scientists and engineers, and for wisdom for our society as we reflect on questions around growth. Website
14 to 25 March 2022 – UN Commission on the Status of Women	Theme: ‘Climate Change. Environment. Disaster Risk Reduction. Gender Equality at the Center of Solutions’ Info: UNCSW Website .
21 March – 1 April 2022	IPCC 56 and Working Group III AR6 Approval Plenary (Approval of WG III AR6 Report , which focuses on climate mitigation)
22 March – World Water Day	Theme: ‘Ground Water: Making the Invisible Visible’ Info: World Water Day ; Materials for church activities: Water Aid . See also World Water Forum in Senegal , with theme ‘Water Security for Peace and Development’
24 March – World TB Day	Materials: Stop TB Partnership , WHO
25 March – International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Theme to be determined. Info: UN (See also August 23 rd)
26 March 2022 – Earth Hour	Annual moment of witness, focusing attention on need to protect nature. Info: EarthHour
27 March 2022 – Mothering Sunday	Resources from Mothers' Union , Methodist Women in Britain , Christian Aid

APRIL

3 April 2022	Elections in Serbia
7 April – World Health Day	Theme and materials will be available from WHO . Chance to raise issues of access to healthcare and need for global cooperation and health equity, especially in dealing with the pandemic.
10 April 2022	Presidential Elections in France (1st round; 2nd if needed 24 April)
15 April 2022 – Good Friday	As you remember the sufferings of our Lord, pray for those persecuted for their faith in Him. Resources: CSW , Open Doors
17 April 2022 - Easter	“Alleluia! He is risen!”
22 April – Earth Day	Info: Earth Day website
22 to 24 April 2022	IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings
24 April 2022 – Orthodox Easter	“The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!”
24 April – Fashion Revolution Day	On the anniversary of the Rana Plaza disaster, a campaign for fairness in fashion. Who made your clothes?
24 to 30 April – World Immunization Week	Info: WHO Opportunity to pray and act for vaccine equity. Information on vaccine equity: Anglican Alliance , WHO . Campaign: WHO (includes options to donate vaccines), Global Justice Now
25 April – World Malaria Day	Info will be available from WHO . General information from the WHO and the Global Fund
25 April – 8 May 2022	UN Biodiversity Conference (including CBD COP 15) Kunming China. Info: IISD . For church resources, see 22 May

MAY

5 May – International Day of the Midwife	Theme: ‘100 Years of Progress’ Opportunity to focus on maternal and child health. Info: International Confederation of Midwives
9 May 2022	<i>Elections in the Philippines</i>
14 May 2022 – World Fair Trade Day	Global celebration of Fair Trade principles and organisations. Info to be available from World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) and CCOW
15 to 21 May 2022 – Christian Aid Week	Resources will be on Christian Aid Week website
15 May 2022	<i>Elections in Lebanon</i>
16 May – World Debt Day	Day to pray about unfair/unsustainable debt. Info: Jubilee Debt Campaign , Worship resources on debt
16 May 2022 – World Communications Day (Catholic)	Theme ‘Listen’ Announcement: Vatican
20 May – World Bee Day	Info from UN
22 May – International Day for Biological Diversity	Info from the UN . Materials for churches: CCOW , A Rocha , Green Christian
26 May to 5 June 2022 – Thy Kingdom Come	Global and ecumenical prayer movement. Info: Thy Kingdom Come
29 May 2022	<i>Presidential Elections in Colombia</i>
31 May – World No Tobacco Day	Info: WHO

JUNE

4 to 5 June 2022 – Viva Network World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk	Theme: ‘Stronger together in faith’ Materials: Viva Network website
5 June 2022 – Pentecost	Pray for understanding across all nations, and for all who translate Scripture. Resource: CCOW PowerPoint
5 June – World Environment Day/Environment Sunday	Worship materials from CCOW , Climate Sunday See also Stockholm+50 Conference
8 June – World Oceans Day	Theme: ‘One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together’. Info: World Oceans Day website
11 to 19 June – Fair Tax Week, incl Tax Justice Sunday (12 June)	Info will be available from Fair Tax Foundation for the week; from Church Action for Tax Justice for Tax Justice Sunday
12 June – World Day against Child Labour	Materials will be available from: International Labour Organization
20 June – Sanctuary Sunday	Materials: Church of Sanctuary
20 to 26 June – Refugee Week	Theme: ‘Healing’. A time for churches to reflect on how they can stand alongside asylum seekers and refugees. Info and materials: CCOW , Refugee Week
22 June – World Rainforest Day	Info: World Rainforest Day
23 June – International Widows Day	Widowhood in many countries brings vulnerability and loss of rights. Pray for widows and their rights. Info from UN
26 June – International Day of Support for Victims of Torture	Materials: Action by Christians against Torture
26 to 28 June 2022	<i>G7 Leaders’ Summit, Germany Info: German Government</i>

JULY

10 July 2022 – Sea Sunday	Praying for seafarers, who transport more than 90% of the world's goods and fuels, often under difficult conditions. Materials: Apostleship of the Sea , Mission to Seafarers , Sailors' Society
24 July to 8 August 2022 – National Maritime Week	Info: Wildlife Trusts
27 July – 8 Aug 2022 – Lambeth Conference	Global gathering of Anglican Communion bishops. Theme 'God's church for God's world'. Info: Lambeth Conference website

AUGUST

4 August	<i>Elections in Kenya</i>
6 August - Hiroshima Day	Pray for all working to reduce the risks from nuclear weapons. Resources also from Pax Christi
9 August – International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Info: UN , Indigenous Climate Action Prayer materials: Anglican Church of Canada Indigenous Ministries , Christian Reformed Church Indigenous Ministry , Document of the Synod on the Amazon See also, with specific reference to indigenous people and care for creation , Prophetic Indigenous Voices on the Planetary Crisis (5 videos)
12 August – International Youth Day	Info: UN . Could youth in your church lead prayers for young people worldwide? Pray especially this year for young people whose education and work prospects have been affected by the pandemic.
19 August - World Humanitarian Day	Pray for humanitarian workers' efforts worldwide. Info: UN . Prayer resources: CCOW
23 August – International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	Info: Equiano Project , Liverpool Museums , Slavery Remembrance . Materials on modern slavery from Antislavery International , Stop the Traffik ; Clewley Initiative , Wilberforce Institute
23 August to 1 Sept 2022 – World Water Week	Theme: 'Seeing the unseen: The value of water'. Info: World Water Week website , Church materials: Water Aid , CCOW . Pray for water conservation and safe access to clean water for all; raise funds for water access.
30 August – International Day of the Disappeared	Materials from the UN , Global Dimension , Amnesty , Human Rights Watch

SEPTEMBER

1 September to 4 October – Season of Creation/Time for Creation (Includes Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 Sept)	Materials available from Season of Creation ; CTBI ; Catholic Bishops Conference (E and W) , Church of England ; Climate Sunday ; CCOW
1 – 30 September – Organic Month	Time to consider organic farming and questions around sustainable food. Info: Soil Association
11 Sept 2022	<i>Elections in Sweden</i>
11 Sept 2022 – Education Sunday	(Sunday closest to World Literacy Day, 8 Sept) Pray for education locally and worldwide. Materials: Churches Together in England
13-27 Sept 2022	<i>UN General Assembly Info: IISD</i>

19 Sept 2021 -- Peacemaking Sunday (Closest to UN's Internat'l Day of Peace)	For general peacemaking, see materials from CHIPS , UK Quakers , QUNO , and Mennonite Peace and Justice Support Network . Peacemaking Sunday materials: Joint Public Issues Team , Fellowship of Reconciliation .
22 September – World Car Free Day	A chance to hold a “Walk to Church Sunday”?
26 Sept – 6 Oct 2022	<i>IPCC meets in Switzerland – expected to approve AR6 Synthesis Report</i>

OCTOBER

1 October – International Day of Older Persons	Info: UN , Help Age International
1 Oct 2022	<i>Parliamentary Elections in Latvia</i>
2 Oct 2022	<i>Elections in Bosnia Herzegovina and Brazil</i>
3 to 7 October – Good Money Week	Explore how people can use money to create a fairer, more sustainable world. Info: Good Money Week
4 October – Feast of St Francis, Pray and Fast for the Climate, End of Season of Creation/Time for Creation	See 1 September. You might want to look at CCOW's Canticle of Creation powerpoint
5 October – World Teachers Day	
7 Oct 2022 – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Join in prayer, fasting and fundraising for CAFOD. Materials will be available from CAFOD
7 October – World Day for Decent Work	Organised by the International TUC. Information
9 Oct 2022 – Homeless Sunday (TBC)	A chance to pray and work for people who are homeless locally and globally.
9 to 15 Oct 2022 – Prisons Week	Pray for people connected with prisons locally and internationally. Materials from Prisons Week ; see also Prison Fellowship International
14-16 October	<i>World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings</i>
16 October - World Food Day	Materials: World Council of Churches
17 Oct - Internat'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Info: UN . Pray and act in conjunction with anti- poverty groups locally and globally.
23 to 30 Oct 2022 – One World Week (incorporates 24 October, UN Day)	Info: One World Week website
23 Oct 2022 – World Mission Sunday (Roman Catholic)	Info/Materials: Missio
30 Oct 2022 – Bible Sunday	Info: Bible Society
30-31 Oct 2022	<i>G20 Leaders' Summit in Bali</i> Info: G20 Website

NOVEMBER

6 Nov 2022 – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church	Materials available from CSW , Open Doors and others. For IDOP resources from 2021, see here .
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7-18 Nov 2022	<i>COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt</i>
8 Nov 2022	<i>Midterm (Legislative) Elections in United States of America</i>
13 Nov 22 – Remembrance Sunday	Resources from CTBI ; links from CCOW , Pax Christi
20 Nov 2022 – World Youth Day (Roman Catholic)	Theme: ‘Mary arose, and went with haste’
20 Nov 2022 – Women against Violence Sunday	Materials: Methodist Church
25 November – 10 December - Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence	Info/materials from Anglican Church of Southern Africa , Anglican Communion , CCOW , CRCNA , Mothers' Union , WCC
27 November 2022	<i>Advent Sunday</i>

DECEMBER

1 December – World AIDS Day	Info: UNAIDS , Global Fund . Worship materials and Reflections: Diakonia , CABSA
3 December – International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Info: UN
8 Dec 2022	<i>Elections in Tunisia</i>
9 December – International Anti-Corruption Day	Info from UN . Also a good time to pray for ECCR , Publish What You Pay , Tax Justice Network , Church Action for Tax Justice and other organisations fighting corruption
10 December – Human Rights Day	Info from UN , Human Rights Watch , Forum18 , Amnesty . Worship materials: Diakonia , Sisters of St Joseph (Australia)
18 December – International Migrants Day	Prayers: Social Justice Resource Center , Irish Catholic Bishops Conference , CCOW
25 December - Christmas	“Unto us a child is born....”
26 December – St Stephen's Day	An opportunity to pray for those who suffer for their faith in Christ. Resources: CSW , Open Doors
28 December – Holy Innocents	A day to pray for children who are victims of persecution, oppression and conflict. Materials: War Child , World Vision , Save the Children