



Calendar of Dates for Fair Trade Prayer and Action

JANUARY

<p>1 January Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Did you know that Fairtrade standards require producers to take measures on adaptation, use energy efficiently, and take measures to reduce emissions and sequester carbon? Pray for farmers as they undertake this work. For general resources, see Pray and Fast</p>
<p>1 to 31 January Veganuary</p>	<p>How many vegan and Fairtrade meals could you cook in a month? Could you hold a vegan and Fairtrade cooking contest? Find some inspiration from the Fairtrade Foundation.</p>
<p>6 January Epiphany</p>	<p>Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Fair Trade can cover two of the three! A great time to share the story of Fairtrade gold or buy some Fair Trade incense for your church.</p>
<p>6 January 2024 Plough Sunday</p>	<p>May also be celebrated on another Sunday in January. Pray for all who farm worldwide. Resources: Arthur Rank Centre</p>
<p>24 January International Day of Education</p>	<p>Many Fairtrade farmers and Fair Trade artisans use the price and premium money they receive to educate their children. Give thanks for the opportunities Fair Trade gives to the next generation! Stories: Fairtrade International</p>

FEBRUARY

1 February
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Some of the world's favourite Fairtrade crops are highly vulnerable to climate change. Read [how climate change affected Honduran cocoa farmers](#) and pray for all farmers at risk. For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

1 to 28 February
'Show the Love' Campaign

Climate change affects many of the [things](#) and people we love. Share your concerns about this with politicians and others via the Climate Coalition's [Show the Love](#) campaign.

February
Gather orders for Real Easter Egg

The Real Easter Egg is Fairtrade – and contains a booklet with the Easter story. Order for yourself – or take orders for your church. **Free delivery order deadline is 5 March**, so get cracking! Info: [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#).

14 February 2024
Ash Wednesday

Lent's a time when many of us give up chocolate ... but that doesn't mean we have to give up Fairtrade! Use [our Fair Trade guide](#) to find other products you and your church might try during this time.

MARCH

1 March
Pray and Fast for the Climate

West African cocoa growing is imperiled by the impacts of El Nino, background climate change, and years of unfair pricing that has left farmers without the income to improve their land and cocoa trees. Find out more at [Pray and Fast for the Climate](#) and pray for cocoa farmers.

8 March
International Women's Day

Fairtrade standards and the WFTO Fair Trade Principles prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and promote empowerment of women. *Read* the [WFTO's 'Principle 6'](#) and the stories of the [Women's School of Leadership for Ethiopian flower growers](#) and [Creative Handicrafts](#). *Pray* for women producers and artisans. *Buy* Fair Trade goods.

10 March 2024
Mothering Sunday

Many people give cards, chocolates, and/or flowers for Mothering Sunday. Could you hold a Fair Trade stall the week before with appropriate cards and chocs? [Fair Trade shops](#) will often give you goods on sale or return.

22 March
World Water Day

A time to pray for both protecting water and water justice. Find out how Fairtrade helps with both: [Headington Fairtrade](#).

31 March 2024
Easter

Could your church hold an Easter egg hunt with the Real Easter Egg sharing pack? Info: [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#)

APRIL

1 April
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Fair Trade fashion is an antidote to fast fashion not only on the social front, but also environmentally. Take a look at Ethical Consumer's [guide to Fair Trade Fashion](#).

15 to 24 April 2024
Fashion Revolution Week

In 2013, the Rana Plaza building collapse killed over 1,100 garment workers. Fashion Revolution Week remembers them. It encourages us to ask 'Who made my clothes?' and to campaign for workers' rights and sustainability. Info: [Fashion Revolution](#)

MAY

1 May
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Wedding season is starting. Gold mining can be incredibly ecologically destructive and dangerous. Find out [how Fairtrade gold is trying to change that](#) – and let couples know that [it's an option](#). For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#).

5 May 2024
Orthodox Easter

Could your church hold an Easter egg hunt with the Real Easter Egg sharing pack? Info: [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#)

11 May 2024
World Fair Trade Day

Worldwide celebration of Fair Trade principles and organisations. Could you have a service with an emphasis on Fair Trade on the 12th? Information will be available from the [World Fair Trade Organization \(WFTO\)](#) and [CCOW](#).

<p>12 to 18 May Christian Aid Week</p>	<p>Did you know that Christian Aid helped found the Fairtrade Foundation? This week, support them by praying, giving, and campaigning. Resources will be on the Christian Aid Week website.</p>
<p>16 May World Debt Day</p>	<p>Small farmers often can't get access to money at reasonable rates. To help, some cooperatives establish their own savings and loan institutions – and Shared Interest makes loans to producer groups. Could you pray for these and hand out information about Shared Interest?</p>
<p>19 May Pentecost</p>	<p>Across the world, in all different languages, Christians can say “We support Fair Trade!” Our Pentecost refreshment sign is a reminder that Fair Trade unites us with Christians worldwide.</p>
<p>22 May International Day for Biological Diversity</p>	<p>Theme: ‘From agreement to action: build back biodiversity’ Info from the UN. General materials for churches: CCOW, A Rocha, Green Christian</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">JUNE</h2>	
<p>1 June Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>How is Fairtrade tackling the climate crisis? Two short films give an overview: one partly animated and one with farmers from many regions. For other resources, see Pray and Fast</p>
<p>2 June Environment Sunday</p>	<p>The closest Sunday to World Environment Day (5 June). Give thanks for the way that Fair Trade helps farmers and artisans to protect the environment. Pray for them to have enough income to be able to maintain environmental standards.</p>
<p>12 June World Day against Child Labour</p>	<p>Fairtrade standards and the Fair Trade principles prohibit child labour and help families afford education. Give thanks for this. Pray for children who labour and for all children to have access to education.</p>
<p>8 to 16 June 2024 Great Big Green Week</p>	<p>Celebration of community action to protect nature and fight climate change. Could your events have Fairtrade refreshments and show how Fair Trade protects the environment? General info: Great Big Green Week</p>

17 to 23 June 2024
Refugee Week (incorporates
20 June, World Refugee Day)

Refugees bring many cultural gifts to their new homes. Learn how [Made51](#) and [WFTO partners](#) help them make a living through traditional crafts. ([Embrace](#) also carries refugee-made goods) Pray for all refugees. General info: [Refugee Week](#)

JULY

1 July
Pray and Fast for the Climate

This month, read [how climate change has affected coffee farmers](#) and pray for all farmers at risk. For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

7 July
World Chocolate Day

On this day, or the Sunday closest to it, could you pray for cocoa producers – and get your church to commit to using Fairtrade chocolate? Prayers, stories and sourcing info: [CCOW](#) and [Fairtrade Foundation](#)

14 July
Sea Sunday

Most of the imported goods we use come by sea – but are the seafarers who bring them treated fairly? Pray for all seafarers and those who assist them. Materials from: [Apostleship of the Sea](#), [Mission to Seafarers](#), [Sailors' Society](#).

1 to 31 July
Plastic-Free July

Many Fairtrade companies are working hard to eliminate plastic packaging. Take a look at [seven ways to reduce plastic with Fairtrade](#). General info: [Plastic-free July](#)

AUGUST

1 August
Pray and Fast for the Climate

Fairtrade [helps coffee farmers in Kenya](#) adapt to climate impacts. Pray for them and for all farmers working to adapt to new conditions. For general resources, see [Pray and Fast](#)

9 August
International Day of the World's
Indigenous Peoples

Fairtrade farming and Fair Trade crafts can be used to help indigenous communities maintain their traditions. Find out more about the possibilities and tensions from [Cultural Survival](#). Pray for indigenous farmers and artisans.

23 to 27 August 2024
World Water Week

A time to pray for both protecting water and water justice. Find out how Fairtrade helps with both: [Headington Fairtrade](#). General info: [World Water Week website](#), Church materials: [Water Aid](#).

SEPTEMBER

1 September to 4 October Season of Creation/ Time for Creation	Can you weave Fair Trade into your church's Season of Creation celebrations ... especially during the new Fairtrade Fortnight?
1 to 30 September Organic Month	Organic farming is a good match with Fair Trade, and many Fairtrade crops have dual certification. One of the most important organic Fairtrade crops is cotton. Find out more here and here .
2 to 6 September 2024 Zero Waste Week	Find out about some of the amazing Fair Trade products made from recycled materials. Info: Headington Fair Trade
8 September 2024 Education Sunday	Is your local school a Fairtrade School? Explore the resources from the Fairtrade Foundation . (And share how Fairtrade can help improve access to education .)
9 to 22 September 2024 Fairtrade Fortnight	Now located in Harvest season! A chance to celebrate the programme that helps protect people and planet. Info: Fairtrade Foundation . Church-focused materials: CCOW

OCTOBER

1 October Pray and Fast for the Climate	Agroecology helps farmers maintain the environment and diversify their harvest. Pray for Fairtrade's agroecology programmes. Info: Fairtrade International . For general resources, see Pray and Fast
15 October International Day of Rural Women	Fair Trade promotes equality for rural women as members of cooperatives and producer organisations. It also helps women acquire their own land . General info: UN
16 October World Food Day (Churches' Week of Action on Food)	Celebrate with a Fairtrade meal! Pray for all who are hungry and for justice in food supply chains. Info: FAO . Materials at CCOW and World Council of Churches .

<p>17 October International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</p>	<p>Fair Trade is a key response to poverty: it puts people at the heart of trade so that they can create benefit for themselves and their communities. Pray for Fair Trade. Look at this video from the WFTO. General info: UN.</p>
<p>23 to 29 October 2024 One World Week</p>	<p>One World Week closed in September 2023, but some churches may still wish to hold events. Resources from past OWWs - including Fair Trade resources - are still available on the One World Week website</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</h2>	
<p>1 November All Saints Day Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Celebrate Christians who helped to pioneer Fair Trade. Learn about the origins of Max Havelaar, Ten Thousand Villages, and Traidcraft. For general climate resources, see Pray and Fast.</p>
<p>20 November World Children's Day</p>	<p>Fair Trade offers artisans more money and prevents child labour. So children stay in school – and have hope of a good future. General info from the UN.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</h2>	
<p>1 December Advent Sunday World AIDS Day Pray and Fast for the Climate</p>	<p>Has your church promoted the 'Real Advent Calendar', which both tells the Christmas story and is Fairtrade? Might you get a sale-or-return stall from a local Fair Trade shop before Christmas?</p>
<p>5 December World Soil Day</p>	<p>Soil is a precious resource – and Fairtrade farmers are required to take action to prevent soil erosion and preserve soil fertility. Fairtrade Standards (3.2) World Soil Day Info: UN</p>
<p>25 December Christmas Day</p>	<p>Celebrate so that everyone benefits. Buy Fair Trade gifts, and use as many Fairtrade foods and beverages in your Christmas meal as you can.</p>



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