**A Prayer for the season of COP28**

God of blessings,

the universe sings of your glory.

Deepen our gratitude for all you have made

and awaken in us a renewed commitment

 to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP28,

with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change

and with courage to act urgently and wisely,

so that our common home may be healed and restored

and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. **Amen**

**Intercessions for the start of COP 28 1st - 3rd December**

Prayers for the climate and our common home

As the United Nations climate conference, COP28, begins,

Let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

Lord, we pray for world leaders:

that they may listen well to each other and discern together,

the decisions and actions needed to protect the planet and all that lives within.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for the Church:

may we speak and act together

as we urgently work towards good stewardship of your creation

and your presence in all living things.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for the world;

the interdependence of all living things;

the beauty and flourishing of the planet

plundered and misused for generations by human activity;

may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms:

Grant them strength and hope for the future

as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish and our local community:

that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact

and make choices for the common good.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, you call all people to justice and to care for the earth,

hear and grant these prayers.  Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Intercessions for the end of COP28**

Let us pray for the climate and for our common home:

As the United Nations climate conference, COP28, continues,

let us bring our prayers to God,

who created the earth and all that lies within it.

Lord, we pray for world leaders:

that they may all work together,

through the decisions taken,

to protect the planet and all life within it.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for your Church:

may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the decisions taken at COP28

and take our part in the work to achieve them.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for your world;

that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair

to the damage we have caused

and that you, Lord, will help us become better stewards.

 Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

We pray for this parish and the local community:

that decisions taken in our life together

will help us live simply, sustainably and in harmony

with the earth and all life within it.

Lord, revealed in your world… **hear our prayer**

O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth,

Accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**