



MAKE MERCY COUNT AT COP27

It's time to imagine a just and inclusive world where people and Earth can flourish



CONTEXT

- COP27 meets at a time of pandemic recovery efforts, geopolitical rivalry, a global energy crisis, a threat of financial recession, and a series of extreme climate-related events
- We need to challenge the 'growth at any cost' model and the lifestyle of overconsumption often based on an extractive relationship with countries of the Global South
- Those who have benefitted the least from industrialization and neo-liberal economic policies, are impacted first and worst by climate change
- Highly vulnerable communities are particularly prone to experiencing Loss and Damage due to a lack of finance to implement adaptation measures or because there are no measures that are feasible to implement
- When mitigation and adaptation fall short, climate-related Loss and Damage prevents communities' from enjoying their human rights. As climate change worsens, this will be exacerbated
- Many countries of the Global South, and especially Indigenous Peoples, face the ongoing structures of colonialism, free-market capitalism, extractivism, and industrialization. For many, this creates barriers to the realization of their cultural, social, and political self-determination

PRAYER & REFLECTION

- As our MGA delegation travels to COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, we ask for prayers and blessings that their journey is inspired and led by the heart and charisma of Mercy
- Pray for a future in which earth and all peoples flourish
- Pray for those who have lost their family, friends, and communities through devastating climate events
- Listen and reflect on the voices of the Mercy World calling for action for the health and sustainability of the world's oceans
- Pray for those in Small Island Developing States who are often on the frontlines of devastating climate events
- Read and reflect on the Water, Women, and Wisdom Guide
- Reflect on Laudato Si' monthly prayer resources
- Pray that we can work together for the good of Earth, our common home; and the good of all creation
- Pray for those in our Mercy World who are experiencing climate-related impacts in Argentina, Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Guam, Guyana, Honduras, Ireland, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, South Africa, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States

WHERE DO WE STAND?

- Our call for the inclusion of Loss and Damage in COP27 commitments comes from the vision that inspires the Mercy World, based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- We believe in restorative justice whereby the polluter pays for sustained and impending Loss and Damage
- We reject economic models and neo-colonial practices and ideologies that exploit land and communities
- We stand in solidarity with those most impacted by climate-related Loss and Damage and recognize the Global North's moral responsibility for ecological debt
- We believe that special and urgent attention needs to be given to the economic and non-economic consequences of climate change, some of which are irrecoverable. These include loss of lives, heritage, cultural and spiritual identity, and social cohesion
- We stand for social, economic, and environmental conditions that support equal access to the goods of the Earth, with a special focus on empowering those who face poverty and other situations of disadvantage
- We stand in solidarity with those disproportionately impacted by climate-related events, especially women, girls, and Indigenous Peoples

ADVOCACY AND ACTION



Advocate for:

- The recognition of Loss and Damage as a third pillar of the Paris Agreement framework
- An interest-free moratorium and forgiveness of debt for countries in the Global South who are experiencing more frequent and devastating climate disasters and which need resources for these emergencies
- Governments to engage, collaborate, and be generous at the COP27 negotiations
- Governments to uphold their commitments to the Paris Agreement
- Financial institutions to facilitate and accelerate support for Loss and Damage
- Countries of the Global North to step up and make bold contributions toward climate justice
- Governments to put human rights at the centre of climate action!

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