

## 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.

We'd love to hear how you use this calendar – and any suggestions you may have for it. Get in touch via [info@ccow.org.uk](mailto:info@ccow.org.uk). For updates, please follow us on Twitter [@ccowinfo](https://twitter.com/ccowinfo), or sign up for our emails via our website <https://www.ccow.org.uk/>

### JANUARY

<b>1 January and 1<sup>st</sup> of each month - Pray and Fast for the Climate</b>	Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. Resources: <a href="#">Pray and Fast</a>
<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: <a href="#">UNICEF</a> , <a href="#">Anglican Communion</a> , <a href="#">IAFN</a>
<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 <a href="#">resources</a> for reflection and action on standing alongside refugees.
<i>7 January – Christmas (Orthodox)</i>	
<b>9 Jan 2022 – Plough Sunday</b>	Also Plough Monday (10) / Wednesday(12). Pray for all who farm worldwide. Resources: <a href="#">Arthur Rank Centre</a>
<b>16 Jan 2022 – Peace Sunday</b>	Theme: 'Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace. Materials: <a href="#">Pax Christi</a>
<b>17 to 21 Jan 2022</b>	<i>World Economic Forum (Davos) Theme: 'Working together, restoring trust' Information: <a href="#">WEF Website</a></i>
<b>18 to 25 January – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>	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 <a href="#">CTBI</a> (local) and <a href="#">World Council of Churches</a> (intl)
<b>25 January – Conversion of St Paul</b>	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.
<b>27 January – Holocaust Memorial Day</b>	Theme: 'One Day' Materials: <a href="#">Holocaust Memorial Trust</a> , <a href="#">Council of Christians and Jews</a>
<b>30 Jan 2022 – Leprosy Sunday</b>	Theme: 'United for dignity' Materials: <a href="#">International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations</a> , <a href="#">Leprosy Mission</a>

## FEBRUARY

<b>1 to 28 February 2022 – Show the Love</b>	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: <a href="#">Climate Coalition</a>
<b>1 February – Pray and Fast for the Climate</b>	Join people around the world praying and fasting for climate justice. Resources: <a href="#">Pray and Fast</a>
<b>2 February – World Wetlands Day</b>	Theme: Wetlands action for people and nature. Materials: <a href="#">World Wetlands Day</a>
<b>6 Feb 2022</b>	<b><i>Elections in Costa Rica</i></b>
<b>6 Feb 2022 – BMS Day of Prayer</b>	Materials will be available from <a href="#">BMS World Mission</a>
<b>8 February – Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking/ St Josephine Bakhita Day</b>	Materials: <a href="#">Santa Marta Group</a> , <a href="#">Human Trafficking Search</a> and <a href="#">Australian Justice and Peace Office</a> . See also 23 August.
<b>12 February – Red Hand Day Campaign</b>	A time to pray for an end to use of child soldiers. Info: <a href="#">UNICEF</a> , <a href="#">UN Special Representative: Children and Armed Conflict</a> . Prayer resource: <a href="#">CCOW</a>
<b>13 Feb 2022 – Racial Justice Sunday</b>	Theme and materials will be available from <a href="#">CTBI</a>
<b>14-18 Feb 2022</b>	<b><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></b>
<b>20 February – World Day of Social Justice</b>	Info from the <a href="#">UN</a> ; opportunity for prayer and action on a range of social justice issues. Suggestions: <a href="#">Joint Public Issues Team</a> , <a href="#">National Justice and Peace Network</a>
<b>21 Feb to 6 March 2022 – Fairtrade Fortnight</b>	Celebrate alongside the ‘Choose the World You Want’ Festival. Focus on Fairtrade and climate change. Fortnight materials from the <a href="#">Fairtrade Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Traidcraft</a> and <a href="#">CCOW</a>
<b>27 Feb 2022 – Church Action on Poverty Sunday</b>	Theme: ‘Dignity, Agency, Power’ Materials: <a href="#">Church Action on Poverty</a>
<b>28 Feb – 2 March 2022</b>	<b><i>UN Environment Assembly (Nairobi) Theme : ‘Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals’.</i></b> Info: <a href="#">UNEA website</a>

## MARCH

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

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

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

## JUNE

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

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

<b>6 Nov 2022 – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</b>	Materials available from <a href="#">CSW</a> , <a href="#">Open Doors</a> and others. For IDOP resources from 2021, see <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>7-18 Nov 2022</b>	<b><i>COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt</i></b>
<b>8 Nov 2022</b>	<b><i>Midterm (Legislative) Elections in United States of America</i></b>

<b>20 Nov 2022 – World Youth Day (Roman Catholic)</b>	Theme: ‘Mary arose, and went with haste’
<b>20 Nov 2022 – Women against Violence Sunday</b>	Materials: <a href="#">Methodist Church</a>
<b>25 November – 10 December - Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence</b>	Info/materials from <a href="#">Anglican Church of Southern Africa</a> , <a href="#">Anglican Communion</a> , <a href="#">CCOW</a> , <a href="#">CRCNA</a> , <a href="#">Mothers' Union</a> , <a href="#">WCC</a>
<b>27 November 2022</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>

## DECEMBER

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