

Greetings dear friends of Becoming Neighbours,

**“The climate crisis has already been solved. We already have all the facts and solutions;
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO WAKE UP AND CHANGE!” (GRETA THUNBERG)**

Being painfully aware of the havoc wreaked by Hurricane Dorian upon our Atlantic Provinces and becoming more acutely conscious of suffering throughout the global community and with the unbridled derogatory political rhetoric creating and fostering a culture of fear towards refugees, with the unwarranted and unexpected targeted violence in our cities and with the increasing racism and surging white nationalism, we know that NOW is the time for undertaking, as Pope Francis urges us to do so, “prophetic actions”. He minces no words when he boldly states that “*our sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, cries out and pleads that we take another course*” (Laudato Si’, 53). We are at critical crossroads in the history of humanity, and the action we do or do not undertake will determine the future of civilization. Compelled by Greta Thunberg in her passionate **CALL TO ACTION** (link below), and endorsed by the UISG Canadian members, we must participate in whatever way we can in the “**GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE**” 11am Friday Sept. 27, Queen’s Park.

God is counting on us and if there is to be a world for our future generations, we have no choice!

Prayer in Response to the Climate Emergency

Loving Creator,

You make all things in balance:

sun and moon, earth and sea, fire and ice

so that all Creation might exist in harmony.

We lament that our greed has disrupted this balance.

The climate emergency threatens all existence.

Droughts and flooding, extreme heat and ice storms

coastal erosion and rising sea levels are increasingly the norm.

To change our climate for the better, we ourselves must change.

We ourselves must be transformed into a **NEW HUMANITY**.

Loving Creator, we ask you to make us anew

Open our eyes – to see the beauty of Creation

Open our ears – to hear the prophets speaking Truth among us

Open our arms – to embrace our neighbours, human and other-than-human

Open our hands – to do the work that must be done

Open our hearts – to be instruments of **LOVE** in the world

Embolden us and our political leaders to take action now. For act we must.

(Prayer prior to the UN Summit on Climate Action and Federal elections in Canada, UISG Canadian constellations)

May we give the Spirit of God room to transform us
so that together we may be instruments of God’s transforming **LOVE**
for our **COMMON HOME** ---

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