CLARETIAN TEAM AT THE UN

COP31

Daily prayers

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9–20 November 2026

Hear the cry of the Earth
and the cry of the poor.

A prayer guide for Claretian communities,
parishes, schools and institutions

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AN INVITATION TO PRAY

Praying together for our common home

From 9 to 20 November 2026, the nations of the world gather in Antalya, Türkiye, for COP31, the UN Climate Change Conference. Each day of the conference has its own theme, from food and energy to oceans, finance and the final negotiations. These twelve prayers follow those themes day by day.

We invite Claretian communities, parishes, schools and institutions on every continent to pray them each day, at Mass, in community prayer, in classrooms or at meetings. In this way we join heads of state and negotiators, religious leaders, civil society, Indigenous peoples, young people and all who work for a just outcome. Above all, we stand with the communities who suffer most from a crisis they did least to cause.

Prayer is also advocacy. Rooted in Laudato Si' and in the missionary fire of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, we ask God to turn our words into commitment. May we raise our voices for climate justice, change the way we live, and hold leaders to their promises.

The pattern

Every prayer runs 135–140 words and follows the same six movements, in the same order, under the official COP31 theme of the day.

Heading and epigraph. Day, date and official theme, with one line of the Lord's Prayer that frames the day.

Invocation and COP31 context. God addressed in words that fit the theme, and what Antalya is discussing today.

Climate reality and awareness. One concrete fact about the crisis behind the day's theme.

Laudato Si' background. One teaching from the encyclical, with its paragraph number.

Prophetic challenge. A confession of our own share, and a challenge to the powers at work.

Claretian identity and contribution. A moment from Saint Anthony Mary Claret's life that fits the theme, sending us into mission today.

Every prayer ends with the same response, said together: Hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Amen.

WEEK 1 · 9–14 NOVEMBER

1

MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

Food, Agriculture and Health

“Give us this day our daily bread”

God of the harvest, as COP31 opens in Antalya, we place before you the fields, the farmers and the hungry. Food systems produce about a third of the world's emissions, and much of the food we grow is lost or wasted, while droughts and floods empty the tables of the poor. Laudato Si' reminds us that food thrown away is food stolen from the hungry (LS 50). Forgive us when we turn farming into a business that poisons land and bodies, and when we stay silent because cheap food suits us. Saint Anthony Mary Claret promoted farming and wrote on agriculture for the rural poor of Cuba; make us, his missionaries, sowers of the seeds of the Kingdom, standing with small farmers and Indigenous peoples.

Hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Amen.

2

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

Energy and Transport

“Lead us not into temptation”

Lord Jesus, tempted in the desert, you know our weakness. As COP31 turns to energy and transport, we confess that burning coal, oil and gas still drives most of the heat trapped around our planet, and that our cars, flights and comforts weigh heaviest on those who have least. Laudato Si' calls for fossil fuels to be replaced without delay (LS 165), yet the temptation of easy profit and endless convenience holds us back. Free us from the lure of power that burns the future, and from habits we call necessity. Saint Anthony Mary Claret crossed Catalonia on foot to proclaim the Gospel; teach us, his missionaries, a lighter carbon footprint, clean energy in our communities, and courage to press governments and companies for a just transition.

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WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

Zero Waste (Leaders' Summit, day one)

“Deliver us from evil”

Spirit of God, breath of all creation, in nature nothing is waste. Yet as world leaders gather in Antalya on this Zero Waste Day, humanity discards more than two billion tonnes of rubbish each year, choking rivers and seas with plastic and burying poor neighbourhoods under others' leftovers. Laudato Si' names this a throwaway culture that discards both things and people (LS 22). Deliver us from the slavery of consumerism, from turning the lands of the poor into dumping grounds, and from treating anyone as disposable. Guide leaders to choose laws that close the loop and protect waste pickers. Like Saint Anthony Mary Claret, who lived poorly to be free for mission, give us, his missionaries, the joy of simplicity: to reduce, repair, reuse and share.

Hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Amen.

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THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

Resilient Cities and Built Environment (Leaders' Summit, day two)

“Thy will be done”

Creator God, you gave us a world in balance. As leaders continue their summit in Antalya, we pray for our cities, home to more than half of humanity and the source of most emissions, where heatwaves and floods strike hardest in informal settlements. Laudato Si' asks for cities that care for people and creation, with green spaces, dignified housing and public transport (LS 147–153). Forgive us for building as if we were separate from the earth, leaving the poor in unsafe homes on flood plains and hillsides. May your will, not the market's, shape our streets and homes. Saint Anthony Mary Claret walked among the forgotten of every town; make us, his missionaries, companions of slum dwellers and migrants, building neighbourhoods where everyone belongs.

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FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

Finance and Trade

“Forgive us our debts”

Father of mercy, all we have comes from you. As COP31 turns to finance and trade, we see climate finance promised to the poor arriving late and too little, while billions of people live in countries that spend more on debt interest than on health or education. Laudato Si' speaks of an ecological debt the rich owe the poor (LS 51) and warns against politics bowing to finance (LS 189). Forgive us for putting a price on everything, even human life, and for trading away the dignity of peoples. Turn creditors' hearts toward jubilee and justice. Saint Anthony Mary Claret founded a savings bank so the poor of Cuba could escape exploitation; inspire us, his missionaries, to make finance serve life and to stand with debt-burdened nations.

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SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

Children, Youth, Education and Skills

“Hallowed be thy name”

Good Father, in every new generation we see your creative hand. As COP31 listens to children and youth, we remember that about a billion children live at extremely high risk from heat, floods, drought and polluted air, though they did least to cause this crisis. Laudato Si' asks what kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us (LS 160). Forgive us adults for borrowing from their future, and for teaching them to treat our common home as something to buy. Your name is hallowed whenever a child is safe, healthy and free to dream. Saint Anthony Mary Claret wrote catechisms and opened schools for the young; make us, his missionaries, educators in ecological citizenship, walking with young people as partners.

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WEEK 2 · 15–20 NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

A Breath in Antalya · World Day of the Poor

“Our Father, who art in heaven”

Our Father, on this Lord's Day COP31 pauses for a breath in Antalya, and the whole Church keeps the World Day of the Poor. We bring you weary negotiators and the poor, who suffer most from a crisis they did not cause, while the richest tenth of humanity produces about half of all emissions. Laudato Si' teaches that Sunday rest heals our relationships with you, with others and with creation (LS 237), and that the cry of the Earth is also the cry of the poor (LS 49). Free us from restless consumption and comfortable privilege. Saint Anthony Mary Claret drew the fire of his mission from prayer; renew us, his missionaries, so that tomorrow we return rested and humble, side by side with the poor.

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MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

Science, Industry and Technology

“Who art in heaven”

God of wisdom, the skies we measure and the atmosphere we study belong to you. As COP31 turns to science, industry and technology, scientists tell us clearly that the tools to cut emissions already exist, yet heavy industry still pollutes, and new technologies such as artificial intelligence consume ever more energy and water. Laudato Si' warns that great power without ethics becomes a danger to all (LS 104–105). Free us from the arrogance that mistakes progress for peace and innovation for salvation. Turn human genius toward healing creation and lifting up the vulnerable. Saint Anthony Mary Claret used the printing press, the new technology of his age, to reach the people; make us, his missionaries, communicators who place science at the service of truth, justice and life.

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TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

Oceans, Seas, Nature and Land Use (Rio Synergy)

“On earth as it is in heaven”

God of the waters and the land, from Antalya's coast we lift up the Mediterranean, warming faster than most seas, and the oceans that absorb most of our excess heat. Forests are cleared, soils degraded and species lost, while island and coastal peoples watch the sea rise. Laudato Si' mourns dying coral reefs and species that will never again give you glory (LS 33, 41). Forgive us for treating creation as a commodity. Saint Anthony Mary Claret loved and respected native peoples and the natural world, protecting their dignity and the land's resources. Following him, we walk with Indigenous and coastal communities from the Amazon to the Philippines; make us defenders of their lands and of the web of life that binds climate, nature and land.

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WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

Human and Social Development

“As we forgive those who trespass against us”

Loving God, as COP31 turns to human and social development, we see how climate disasters undo years of progress, pushing families back into poverty, uprooting migrants and widening inequality. Saint Paul VI taught in Populorum Progressio that development is the new name for peace, and Laudato Si' reminds us that we face not two crises, social and environmental, but one complex crisis (LS 139). Teach us to forgive and be reconciled, so that justice heals the wounds between North and South, rich and poor. In 1855 Saint Anthony Mary Claret founded the Casa de Caridad in Puerto Príncipe, giving poor children food, schooling, faith and a trade for their integral development. Make us, his missionaries, companions of migrants, workers and the excluded, leaving no one behind.

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THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

İmece: Enhancing Implementation

“Thy kingdom come”

Incarnate God, your Word became flesh, not a promise left on paper. Today COP31 speaks of İmece, the Anatolian tradition of a village working together, for commitments mean nothing until lived. National climate plans still fall far short of 1.5°C. Laudato Si' affirms that humanity can still work together to build our common home (LS 13). Forgive us for words without deeds, and for wanting to save the world alone. May your Kingdom come through shared labour. In Santiago de Cuba, Saint Anthony Mary Claret joined, and later led, the Amigos del País society, working with others for the island's development and its poor youth. Present in over sixty countries, may we Claretians be bridges between local communities and global decisions, turning promises into action.

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FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

Final Negotiations

“For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours”

Lord of truth, as COP31 reaches its final hours, we lift up the tired negotiators and the people whose lives depend on what is agreed, while the world heads well beyond 1.5°C of warming. Laudato Si' laments that global summits have failed because economic interests prevailed over the common good (LS 54). Give the negotiators courage to put people and planet before short-term gain, and to remember that vulnerable communities are not bargaining chips. Yours is the power, not the powerful's; yours is the glory, not the bargainers'. Saint Anthony Mary Claret was a man on fire with love who set ablaze all he touched; keep us, his missionaries, faithful in advocacy after Antalya, carrying its outcomes home and holding leaders to their word.

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