



Climate Justice and the Call to Compassion: Poverty, Faith, and Action Across Borders



Vision



Our vision is:

a world where **everyone has fullness of life**; a life lived with dignity, **free from poverty and need**,

where global resources are **equitably shared** and **sustainably used**,

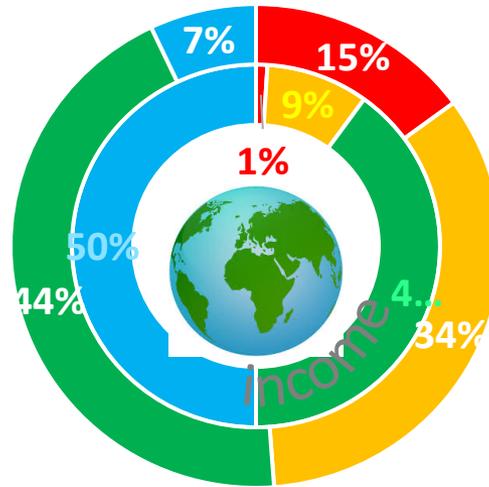
and where **the voice and agency of the poor and marginalised are fully realised**.



Climate Justice

What is it?

Income and greenhouse gas emissions per year (world)



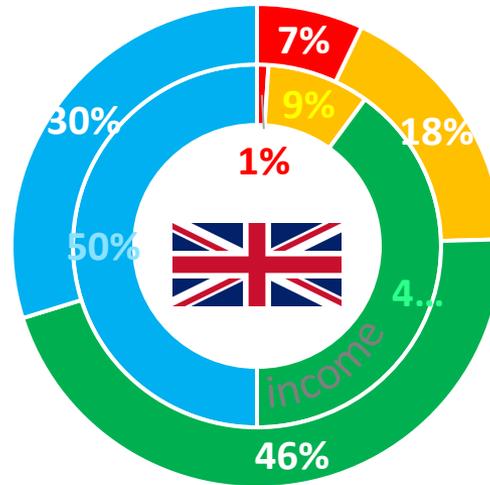
Individual income after tax

emissions

Data for 2017: PovcalNet



Income and greenhouse gas emissions per year (UK)

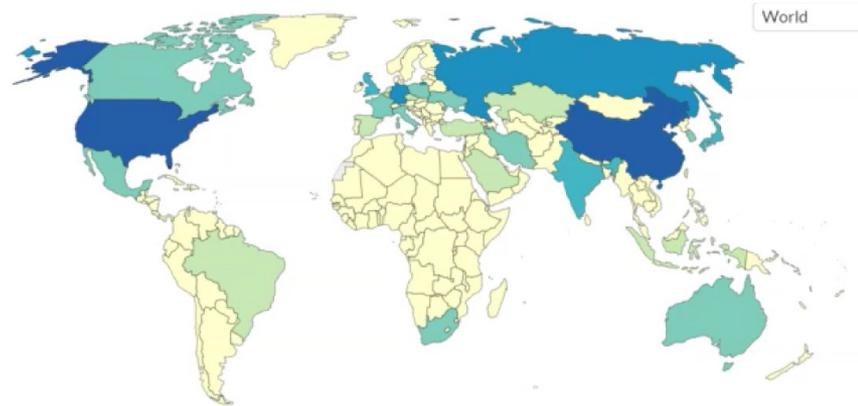


Household income after tax

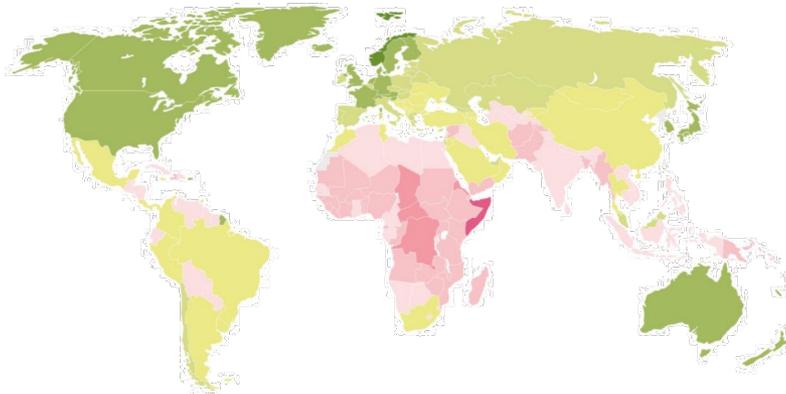
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Data for 2024: ONS

Emissions
(Darker blue is worse)



Vulnerability
(Darker pink is worse)

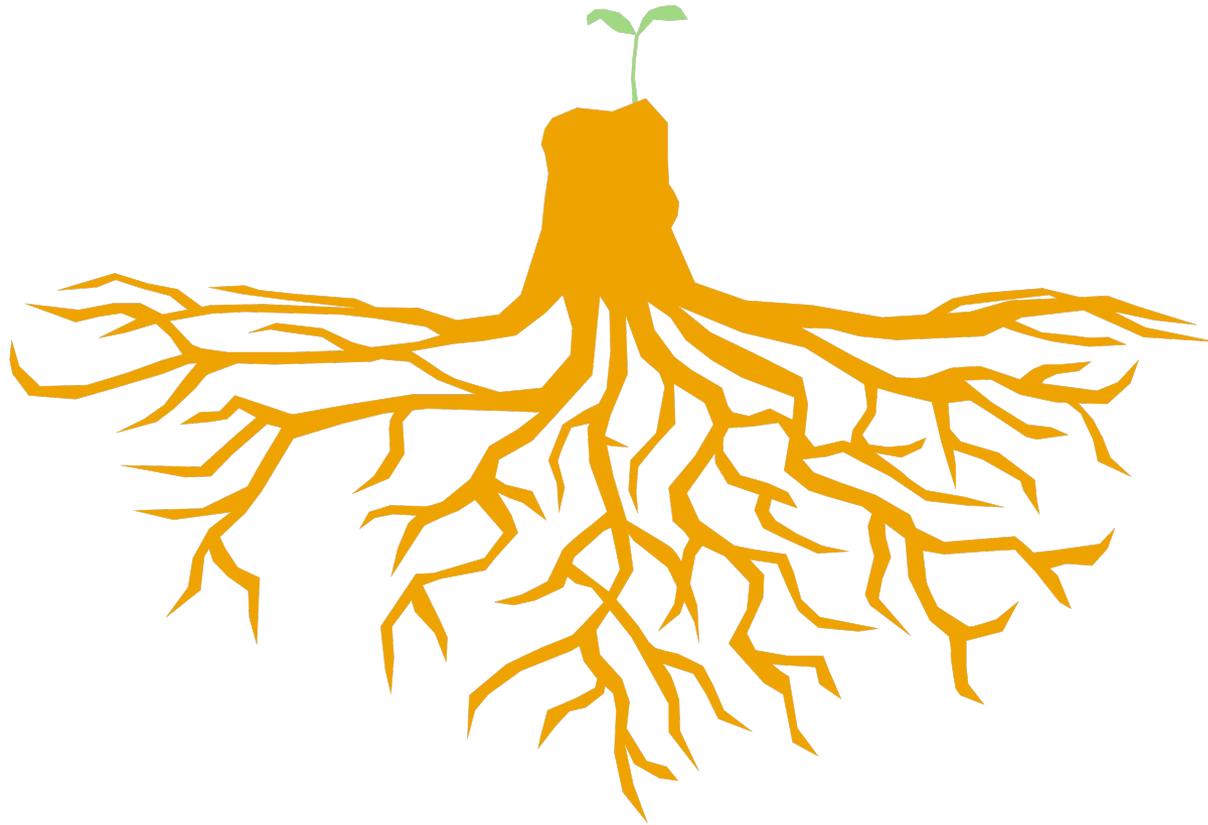




'Over the past 25 years, the richest 10% of the global population has been responsible for more than half of all carbon emissions... Rank injustice and inequality on this scale is a cancer.'

Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary
General

How did we get here?



'For me, environmental justice is deeply connected to issues of the enslavement of Africans and the birth of capitalism. The rewards from enslavement fuelled the industrial revolution, put the 'great' into Great Britain'.



Rev Alton Bell

Senior Pastor, Wembley Family Church



How would you define 'climate justice'?

How should we (in the wealthier polluting countries) respond?



Climate Adaptation and Resilience



Christian Aid works with local partners and crisis-affected communities on the causes and consequences of climate change, so the most marginalised can adapt, build resilience and reduce their vulnerability.

Sierra Leone, Africa,
Credit: Dominique Fofanah



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Women feed the nation



-  **Growing hope together:** The Tombo community co-own a sweet potato plot — a heat-tolerant, nutritious crop chosen to help tackle malnutrition in their region.
-  **Empowered to flourish:** With support from Christian Aid, WoNES and the Ministry of Agriculture, they've received training, tools and vines to grow and harvest every few months.
-  **Dreaming big:** The community now hopes to buy their own grinding machine and one day open a small shop to sell their produce locally.

WoNES & Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)



Members of the VSLA with their savings box.

- ❖ Partner: WoNES – Women’s Network for Environmental Sustainability
- ❖ Grassroots work with women farmers
- ❖ Introducing Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)
- ❖ 90% women membership
- ❖ Safe spaces for leadership and empowerment

Maryama's Story: Growing Hope



- ❖ Maryama, a farmer and mother of four
- ❖ Lost crops to floods and heatwaves
- ❖ Joined a VSLA with WoNES + Christian Aid support
- ❖ Accessed fair loans, rebuilt her farm, paid for school fees
- ❖ *“It’s a blessing for us... this will help us support our kids to be educated.”*

Women Leading Climate Resilience



“VSLA is an empowerment for us as women. It has helped to bring us together as community members, especially the women, and it's a strength for unity. It's an empowerment for us - every time you don't have to consult somebody to loan you or to give you something. Women should have power and they should be able to take decisions.” Maryama

Climate Justice
How should we
respond?

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4:18-19





'Even as Christians pray for the heavenly paradise, we are called to bring that kingdom into being in the here and now.

We are called to build God's kingdom, to care for creation, and to work to transform

any unjust and exploitative structures that

harm the earth and its people'

Bishop of Croydon, Rosemarie Mallett



The Restore Campaign

Get creative!

Share your prayers and hopes for a restored world



Breaking Bread

A guide to hosting your political representatives in church





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An A Rocha UK project in partnership with Christian Aid (and others)



Manchester Demonstration for Climate Justice During CoP 30

All Saints Park, 1:30pm on 15 November
(part of the Global Day of Action during COP 30)

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Climate
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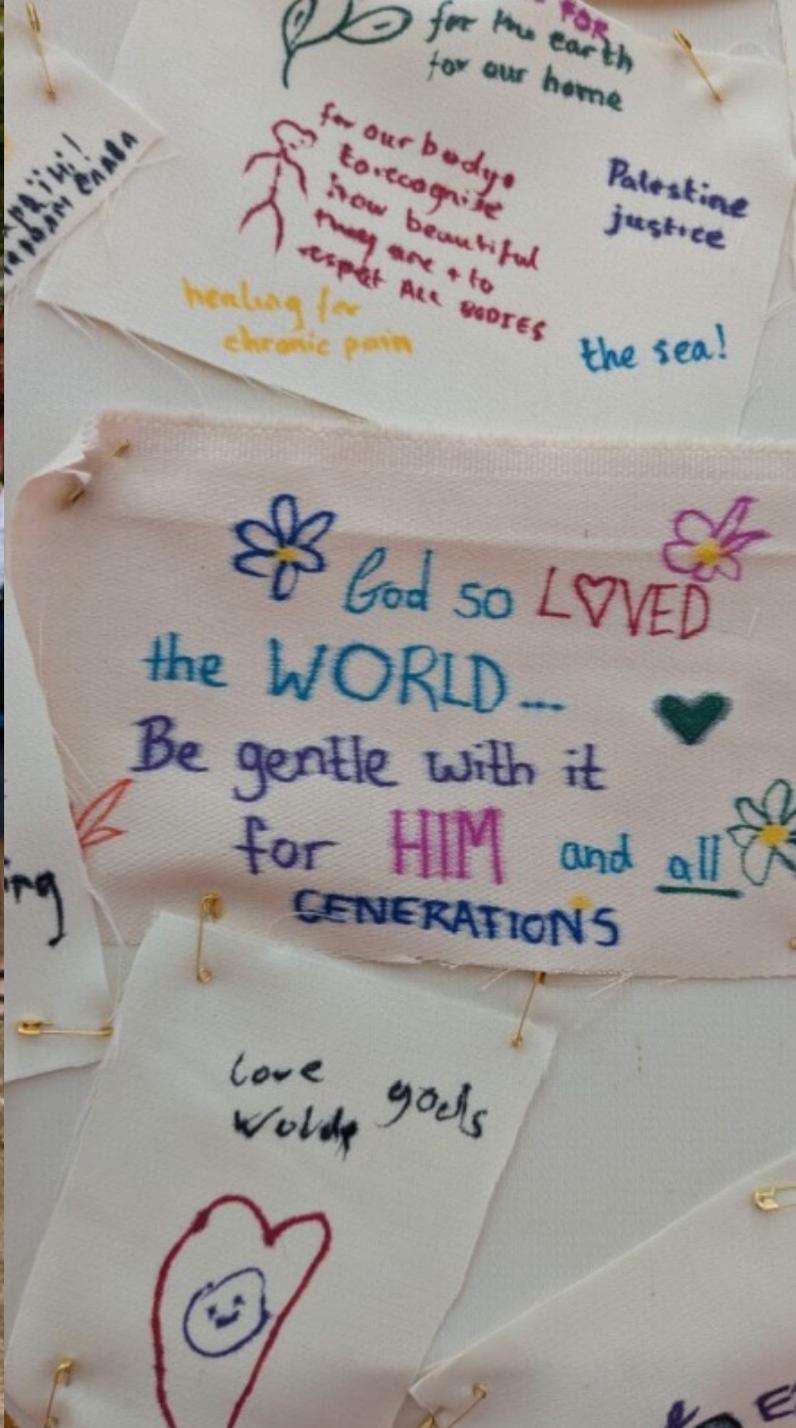
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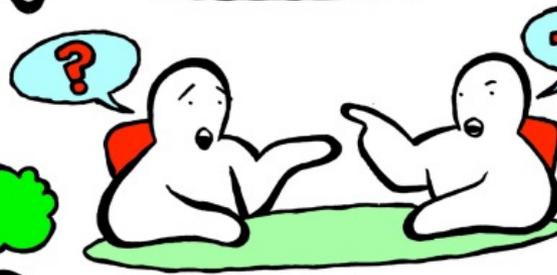
- ❖ The campaign focuses on issues of the climate and debt.
- ❖ the UK Government has backed the world's biggest polluters and greediest corporate lenders, whose reckless actions are fuelling the climate and debt crises.
- ❖ Climate: The climate crisis has led to communities across the world to experience extreme weather which has led to crop devastation and displacement.
- ❖ Debt Crisis: Over 60% of African countries spend more on debt payments than healthcare or education. These debts mean they cannot provide basic services for their citizens.





Blob Climate Action

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**God of truth and God of justice,
we know climate change is here,
how our wealth has wrecked this planet,
how the poor have most to fear.**

**Droughts bring famine, Storms bring flooding,
worse and worse with each new year.**



**Help us speak your truth to power,
as your prophets did of old,
call to curb immoral profits,
vote for change to break the mould.
Listen out for silenced people,
let their stories now be told.**



**Give us strength to fight for justice,
taking Jesus as our lead,
face arrest or persecution,
when we ask the strong to cede.
We demand the rich and powerful,
bring about the change we need.**

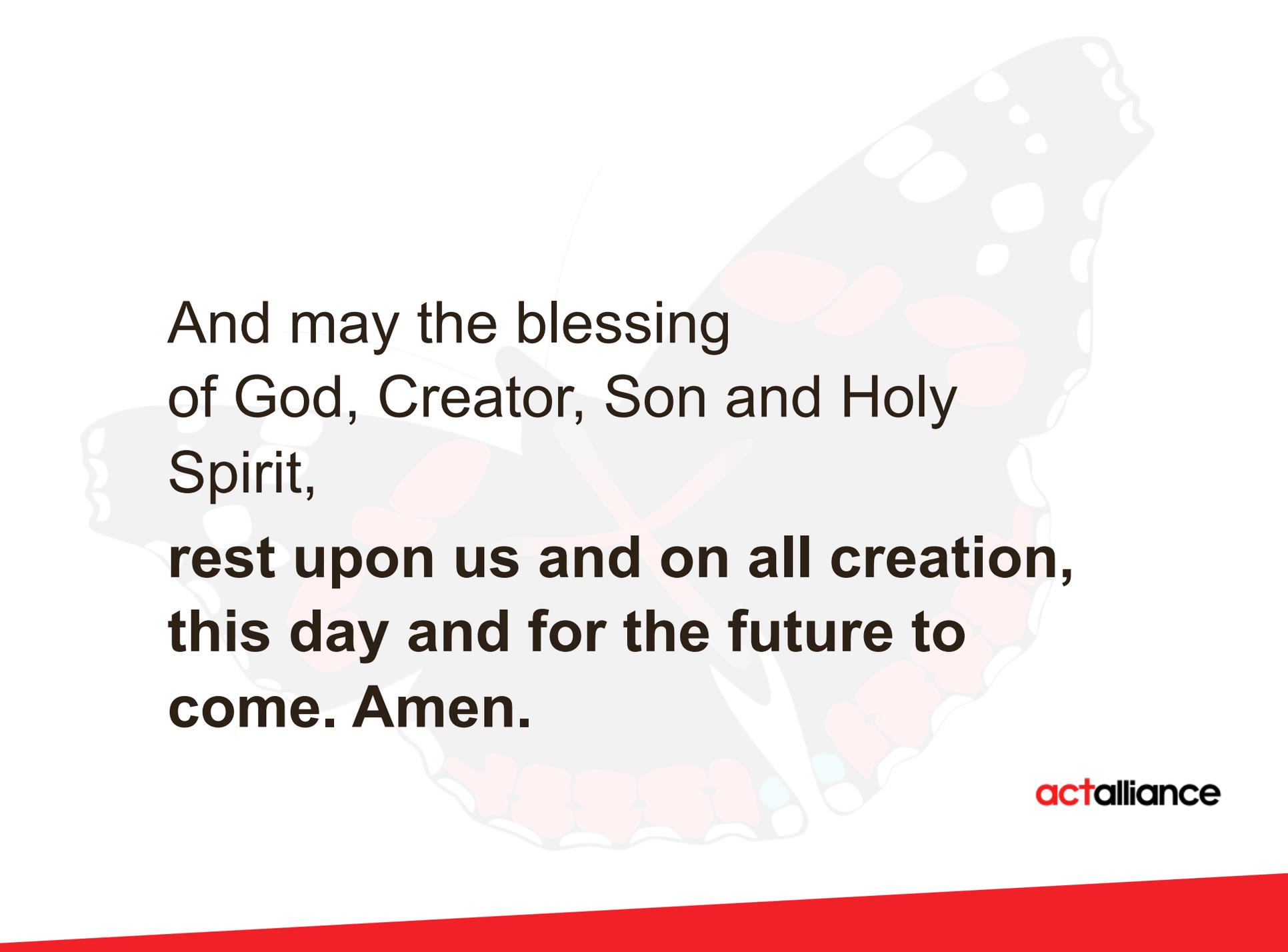
Richard Baker



May God bless us
with wonder at creation's glory.

May God bless us
with fury at creation's spoiling.

May God bless us
with courage at this critical hour.



And may the blessing
of God, Creator, Son and Holy
Spirit,

**rest upon us and on all creation,
this day and for the future to
come. Amen.**

THANK YOU



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aid 80
years**

