Climate Action Prayer Support – November, 2023

Dear Supporter,

We can do a great deal to reduce Global Warming as individuals, but governments set the agendas.

**COP28** (Conference of the Parties) takes place in Dubai from 30th November to 12th December. This year the hosts, the United Arab Emirates, UAE, nominated Sultan Ahmed al Jaber, the head of the state oil company, as president of the summit.

Sultan Ahmed al Jaber’s plans to cover all the main aspects of climate action, based on the 2015 Paris agreement divided into what is termed the four pillars, or four Fs:

**F**ast-tracking the transition to a low-CO2world;

**F**ixing climate finance;

**F**ocusing on people, lives and livelihoods; and

**F**ull inclusivity.

**Sultan Ahmed al Jaber.** Pray for COP28 and that the Sultan’sfour **F**s will be achieved and that his chairmanship, “will prove an asset in ensuring the private sector takes the necessary action on the climate crisis.” Give him the skill and courage to expedite good outcomes from this conference.

**Graham Stuart MP.** It is expected that the UK will be represented by Graham Stewart MP,

a member of the Conservative Party. He is the MP for Beverley and Holderness. He is the Minister of State for energy security and net zero. He lives in Beverley and separated from his wife in January 2022. He enjoys motorcycling, cycling and cricket. Pray for his involvement in COP28.

**King Charles.** It is expected that the King will travel to COP28 to make the first major climate change speech of his reign. Pray for his involvement in COP28 and the contents of his speech.

*Let us remember that the UAE is not a democracy, and civil expression is tightly controlled.*

**Fiona Bruce MP.** Christ our Saviour, thank you for the PM’s Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief, Fiona Bruce MP, and her team as she works on how the UK Government can protect and promote this fundamental freedom abroad, and advocates for the rights of people who suffer discrimination or persecution for their faith or belief. Strengthen her we pray. Amen.

**Caring for God’s Earth service, Sunday, 8th October**. Give thanks for the manner in which Peter Lumsden celebrated creation and Eco Church, combining both spirituality and practicality.

Pray again for **Therese Coffey,** Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and **Trudy Harrison**, Under Secretary of State for Environment. Pray that they will have wisdom how to run their departments and understand the Climate Crisis and how to best address the problems. Pray that they will not be influenced by political and big business considerations.

“We who would valiant be as Earth’s caretakers, let us join in harmony to serve the Maker, This world’s a sacred space, where all may see God’s grace, and here we find our place as eco pilgrims.”

*(1st verse of hymn in Green Christian Magazine Autumn 2023. With apologies to John Bunyan.)*

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