



#SpeakUp

28 DAYS FOR CLIMATE

Campaign Pack

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Our Key Messages:

Politicians of the future will:

1. Commit to finding solutions as a nation by including our First Nations Peoples.
2. Include climate justice in the national curriculum more explicitly and extensively.
3. Achieve a carbon neutral Australia by 2030.
4. Dedicate resources to upskill workers to nurture a carbon neutral workforce.
5. Encourage Federal, State and local Governments to take further action to reduce waste, provide effective recycling and provide education for the community on sustainable practices.
6. Introduce legislation to drastically limit unnecessary single use plastics.
7. Research alternative energy solutions and make a shift towards existing renewable energy solutions.
8. Commit to cleaner waterways.
9. Meaningfully engage with the public on climate justice issues and commit to acting on their concerns.



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Energy Prayer

Your creative love,

O God, brought forth our world,

once a garden where humans could taste and see the
goodness of the earth.

But our eyes have been blinded to the beauty of Creation, to
the knowledge that it is Gift,

one given so that all humans may live and flourish.

Our indifference changes the world; even mighty glaciers
weep now.

Our disregard for our sisters and brothers threatens the very
skies above us.

Our passivity begins to choke us, and the excess of our
lifestyles blot out the sun.

Call us to renewal, to stewardship;

call us to solidarity to the earth and all its creatures.

Give us new vision to see the fragile beauty that remains to
us;

give us new spiritual energy to become active in loving the
world through our daily life;

give us new voices to speak out for environmental solidarity.

- Caritas

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Emissions Prayer

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your
praises, Creator God.

Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and great seas
show your glory, Spirit of Love.

And yet the hand of greed has patented and plundered your
splendour, has taken and not shared your gift, has lived as
owner of the earth, not guest.

And so the ice is cracked the rivers dry, the valleys flooded
and the snow caps melt.

God our Father, show us how to step gently, how to live
simply, how to walk lightly with respect and love for all that
you have made.

Amen

-Caritas.

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Waste Prayer

Let us pray for an end to the
Waste and desecration of God's creation
For access to the fruits of creation
To be shared equally among all people
And for communities and nations to find sustenance
In the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.
Almighty God, you created the world and gave it
Into our care so that, in obedience to you,
We might serve all people:
Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom,
and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all;
That, trusting in your bounty, all people may be
Empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and
oppression.
Amen

-Jesuit Resources

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Water Prayer

Companion God,
Understander of our living,
Forgiver of our failings,
Inspirer of our best efforts,
Encourager of our fearful selves,
We think of the oceans, seas, lakes, wetlands, rivers, creeks,
waterholes, of our lives.

Their essential place in our very survival.

We conjure their beauty in calm and tempest.

We eat their produce from necessity and delight.

All this we know, and more, and yet we foul our own
splendour, food source and playground.

Help us to find the like-minded people, the sacrificial souls,
the energy-filled campaigners, the struggling causes, the
visionaries who not only plumb the deep with new
technology, but save the planet in sometimes tiny acts.

Encourage us to love,

Amen

-St Kilda Uniting Church

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How to participate in the social media campaign

ERA For Change has three social media accounts including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Find these accounts at:

<https://twitter.com/ERAforChange>

<https://www.facebook.com/eraforchange/>

<https://www.instagram.com/eraforchange/>

Each day ERA For Change will be posting for *28 Days For Climate* on each three platforms. You are invited to share this post on your school's social media.

To share on Twitter:

Find the daily post on the ERA For Change account. Hit the button on the bottom of the post, second from the left. Then click "retweet."

To share on Facebook:

Hit the bottom right-hand button that says "share."

To share on Instagram:

Hit the button on the bottom of the post, third from the left. It should look like a paper plane. Then click "add post to your story."

If you would like to help in creating a post, email:

pagan.blight@erea.edu.au

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Example of weekly activities

Water

- If your school has a local waterway that is often left polluted with waste, organise a group to clean up the area during
- Hold a virtual petition signing. You may want to sign this petition to end single use plastics:

<https://www.marineconservation.org.au/actions/ban-single-use-plastics/>

- Add goal 6 and 14 of the SDGs as an agenda item on assembly.

Waste

- Organise a group to visit the local recycling facility.
- Work with your tuckshop to see if you can hold an entirely waste free lunch.
- Find out where the recycling from your home/school ends up.
- Add goal 12 of the SDGs as an agenda item on assembly.

Energy

- Host a local politician for a Q&A about the future of clean energy in Australia. If your school is doing online learning, maybe you can host a Q&A via Zoom.
- Go electricity free for an hour during the school day.
- Add goal 7 of the SDGs as an agenda item on assembly.

Emissions

- Encourage students (secondary) to complete the NineIsMine Climate Advocacy course found at:
<https://www.nineismine.in/courses/>
- Find out what your local council's carbon emissions strategy is.
- Add goal 11 and 13 of the SDGs as an agenda item on assembly.