



GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT

Dear Subscriber,

Over the weekend, the UN climate talks came to a close in Madrid. The talks lasted **two extra days** as negotiators kept trying to hammer out a consensus.

The result? Delays, obstructions, and ultimately **more business as usual**.

There were two factions at the talks. On the one side were irresponsible nations that **refuse to own up** to their portion of the climate bill that's **already overdue**. These nations include the U.S., Brazil, Australia, and Saudi Arabia.

On the other side were **responsible nations** that pushed for transparency and accountability. These include the European Union and—tragically—the **places that are most vulnerable** to the climate crisis: small island nations, African nations, and some nations in Latin America.

Negotiators had the **opportunity** to set rules for an international carbon market that would make countries **pay for emitting greenhouse gas emissions**.

Right now, climate change costs. Whether it's in homes destroyed, lives lost, or well-being diminished, **climate change is expensive**. *But those costs are mostly borne by the people who haven't caused the problem.*

A carbon market would make **emitters pay**. It's one of the best way to meaningfully reduce emissions and it's part of the Paris agreement that UN summits are organized to achieve.

But negotiators were **unwilling to reach an agreement** on the details. So, the can is kicked down the road for another year—a precious year that **we don't have to waste**.

I invite you to pray this prayer with me today:

Creator God, Your love is manifest in the very air we breathe.

Let it comfort and refresh us when hope seems small.

Redeemer God, Your grace is manifest in every moment of choice.

Let It heal our wounded world.

In 2020, we will [multiply our efforts](#) to bring God's healing to troubled time.

Together, we remain committed to seeing **God's will for love and justice be done in our world**.

Blessings,

Christina for GCCM

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