

CLIMATE + FAITH LINK SHEET



A Companion to the Devotional, "Climate + Faith: How We Can Help Meet the Greatest Challenge in Human History"

CURATED LIST OF LINKS to excellent resources supporting the movement for a healthy climate:

1. "Talk Like a Human: Lessons on How to Communicate Climate Change," from the Potential Energy Coalition. And here's a great 7-minute video from one of PEC's founders: "[John Marshall: Three strategies for effectively talking about climate change](#)." As mentioned on p. 5 of the devotional.
2. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson's "[Climate Action Venn Diagram](#)." As mentioned on p. 13 and 16 of the devotional, a terrific tool for tailoring your plan to you and your context.
3. Ched Myers' essay, "[Nature against Empire: Exodus Plagues, Climate Crisis and Hardheartedness](#)." As mentioned on p. 18 in the devotional, a brilliant exploration of the many connections between the exodus story and our care for God's creation..
4. Fantastic short videos:
 - a. By Kurzgesagt – In a Nutshell (superb animated films)
 - "[We WILL Fix Climate Change!](#)"
 - "[Can YOU Fix Climate Change? \(No*\)](#)"
 - "[Change Your Life – One Tiny Step at a Time](#)"
 - b. "[The Biggest Myth about Climate Change](#)," by Be Smart (PBS)
 - c. "[A Visual Poem about People Power \(for MLK Day\)](#)," by SALT Project
5. Bill McKibben's testimony, "[A Brief but Spectacular Take on Climate Change and Working Together](#)," PBS News Hour; and explore McKibben's organization [Third Act](#)
6. From the United Nations:
 - a. "[What is Climate Change?](#)"
 - b. "[Climate Action Fast Facts](#)"
 - c. "[The Paris Agreement: Summary](#)"
 - d. "[Bridging the gap – the role of equitable low-carbon lifestyles](#)"
 - e. "[Nature's Dangerous Decline](#)," UN Biodiversity Report Summary
 - f. "[COP15: Final Text of Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#)," (scroll down for goals and targets)
7. From Project Drawdown:
 - a. Video lectures and "Expert Conversations"
 - "[Climate Solutions 101: Setting the Stage](#)"
 - "[Climate Solutions 101: Stopping Climate Change](#)"
 - "[Climate Solutions 101: Reducing Sources](#)"
 - "[Climate Solutions 101: Supporting Sinks and Improving Society](#)"
 - b. "[A Planetary Perspective](#)," by Jonathan Foley
8. From Regeneration:
 - a. Explore the [Regeneration website](#)
 - b. Looking for ideas for actions? Peruse this "[Cascade of Solutions](#)" (scroll down and click on the solutions that interest you), explore their [Nexus list](#) of solutions, and [make a Punch List](#)
9. [A Brief Summary of the Climate and Energy Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#)," World Resources Institute
10. Explore this [Carbon Calculator](#) from the University of California, Berkeley





TRY THIS QUIZ

(From the New York Times' "[Quiz: What's the Best Way to Shrink Your Carbon Footprint?](#)")

Of the following nine actions, four have a **large** effect on shrinking the pollution you're adding to the blanket around the planet, and five have a **small** effect. Can you identify the four large-effect actions? The answer key is at the bottom of the page – but don't peek!

- a. Using energy-efficient appliances
- b. Lowering the room temperature
- c. Recycling
- d. Using renewable electricity
- e. Eating a vegan diet
- f. Buying fewer things
- g. Car-pooling
- h. Living car-free
- i. Avoiding one long flight

IDEAS FOR ACTIONS STEPS:

1. Get connected to a local group pushing for local, state, and/or national policies that will help us stop thickening the blanket of pollution overheating the planet – and for elected officials who will support and implement the policies
2. Put "healthy climate" at the top of your voting priorities (and tell others about it!)
3. Share your climate story with a friend or acquaintance (in person, by phone, by handwritten letter, via social media, etc.)
4. Write a letter to the editor advocating for a specific local change
5. Get an "energy audit" done of your apartment, house, or church, and use it to identify ways to lower energy use (and lower your bills!)
6. Are you, your workplace, or your congregation looking to buy a new appliance or vehicle (stove, furnace, car, etc.)? Look into going electric!
7. Volunteer and/or give a donation to an organization working for a healthy climate
8. Open up a bank account at a climate-friendly local bank or credit union, and start (little by little) moving your money into that account. And if your current bank invests in dirty fossil energy (J.P. Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo are among the prime offenders), let them know you care about the issue and are considering other options.
9. Eat more plant-based foods. If this is new to you, start with one meal a week, then one day a week, then two, and so on. It's delicious, healthy, and makes you feel great!
10. Send a thank-you note to an organization, business, or individual making a difference. You'll lift their spirits!
11. Organize an interfaith climate summit in your community, including a panel of leaders from churches, synagogues, temples, etc., sharing different spiritual perspectives on caring for a healthy climate. Consider making a public commitment together to an "interfaith covenant for a healthy climate," and get the press to cover it!
12. Look into solar for your apartment building, house, or church building (or collaborate with multiple congregations). It doesn't have to be on the roof: in some situations, it can be on the ground in an open space (even one at some distance from your location).
13. If you're planning a vacation, try one that's regional and travel by train, not plane.
14. Reach out to an elected representative and express your passion!
15. Look for opportunities to celebrate!

**TEAM UP, INVEST, DIVEST, ENCOURAGE,
ADVOCATE, CELEBRATE, TRY AGAIN!**

Answer Key to the Quiz above: The four letters corresponding to the four large-effect actions are d, e, h, and i, and the letters corresponding to the small-effect actions are a, b, c, f, and g.