

**Assurance of prayers and support for the Canadian Participants in the 22nd session of the
Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change (COP22),
Marrakech, November 7 to 18, 2016**

As faith leaders in Canada, concerned for the care of creation, the effects of climate change, and the protection of the most vulnerable within our global community, we wish to assure you of our prayers and support while you, along with nearly 190 governments and their representatives, attend the COP22 meeting in Marrakech, Morocco. The historic Paris Agreement reached in December 2015 is evidence that solidarity between nations, as well as dialogue and collaboration, can overcome the greatest of human challenges. We pray in particular that the Paris Agreement will be implemented in a way that is effective, just, and attentive to the poor.

Hopeful for a better world in spite of the greed and pride which often beset our human efforts, we are determined not to be disengaged from the care for our natural environment but to continue to underscore the troubling connections between the degradation of our physical environment, the plight of the poor and marginalized, economic systems which exclude, and the unconscionable assaults on the dignity of the human person which are evident in so many ways.

The warming of our global climate poses numerous problems and challenges. We strongly believe that religions can truly contribute to building up a safer, healthier and more just society. We thus take to heart this Conference's deliberations and wish to applaud all the conscientious and selfless efforts that are being made on behalf of the world community, the good of every human person, and the gift of creation itself. May your work in Marrakech be blessed and contribute to the protection of the earth, our common home.

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