



# Hold a vigil for Loss and Damage

## What is loss and damage?

The term 'loss and damage' refers to climate impacts including floods and sea-level rise as well as extreme weather events such as hurricanes, which are becoming more frequent and more severe as a result of fossil fuels heating the planet.

# Why are we asking people to hold a vigil?



A silent vigil has a special power. It's simple to organise and anyone can be part of it, whether it is for silent prayer, meditation, mindful presence, or a simple space for reflection and solidarity.

A silent vigil is gentle and strong. It confronts without being confrontational and affirms the better world that is waiting to emerge. Whether it's a single person (the power of one) or hundreds, a silent vigil is internally strengthening and externally potent.

We are asking people of all faiths and none to hold a vigil for loss and damage to help draw awareness to the issue and the urgent need for funding for communities experiencing loss and damage right now.

Despite being recognised in the Paris Agreement, there has been no progress on where money to pay for loss and damage should come from. It's a priority for countries most vulnerable to climate breakdown, and it's fundamental to climate justice. So with COP26 fast approaching, this is our moment to make clear to the Prime Minister and global leaders that a COP without new and additional financing for loss and damage will be a failed COP.

# What do I need to do?

Our partners at Faith for the Climate have written this [handy guide on organising interfaith vigils](#). Take a look for set of guiding principles and tips to help get you started! You can also take a look at the Quakers in Britain [toolkit for vigils](#) to help you plan.

To help passers-by understand what you are doing, we have put together some placards you can display and a flyer that you can have available for people to take away. The [placards](#) are designed to be printed on A3 paper (or can be reduced to fit A4) and stuck on to cardboard. The [flyer](#) can be cut in half and handed out as an A5 sheet.

To support vigils on Loss and Damage Awareness Day we have put together a social media toolkit to help spread the word to your networks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Email [climatejustice@quaker.org.uk](mailto:climatejustice@quaker.org.uk) for a copy of this or for support contacting your local press and/or MP.



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