



# People of Faith Praying for Life



This is a **multi-faith, silent meditation** hosted by members of the **Victorian Quakers** and **Melbourne Buddhist Centre**, to draw attention to the climate crisis, and **call on Josh Frydenberg to invest COVID recovery money in clean technologies rather than gas**. Please use the hashtags [#Faiths4Climate](#) and [#SacredPeopleSacredEarth](#) if you are sharing any photos or videos of this event.






## Meditation Guidance

### 11:00am

Silence begins for Quakers witnessing / holding in the light

### 11:15am


Beginning of the Metta Bhavana, a Buddhist meditation based on the cultivation of loving-kindness towards all living beings, in five stages:

-  **1st Bell:** *Developing loving-kindness towards yourself.*
-  **2nd Bell:** *Developing loving-kindness towards a good friend.*
-  **3rd Bell:** *Developing loving-kindness towards a neutral person.*
-  **4th Bell:** *Developing loving-kindness towards a difficult person.*
-  **5th Bell:** *Extending loving-kindness outwards to encompass the earth and all beings everywhere.*

### 11:45am

Silent reflection by all

### 12:00pm

 End of the meditation, marked by 3 consecutive bells.



We acknowledge that this action is being held on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, and recognise that the work of decolonisation is integral to climate justice. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to those leaders who are keeping culture alive for future generations.

# Greenfaith International

Today, **March 11**, marks the launch of a Greenfaith International's global campaign - **Sacred People, Sacred Earth** - uniting faith communities from all over the world for the **biggest ever multi-faith day of action** on the **climate crisis**. Take a look at all the other actions happening today:



## **Key actions happening around Australia** **at this very moment:**

### **Scott Morrison's office:**

A **multi faith Vigil** outside the office of **Prime Minister Scott Morrison** in Cook calling on him to **show leadership on the climate crisis**.

### **The NSW Parliament**

A **meditation action** on the steps of the **NSW Parliament** celebrating the actions of **State Environment Minister Matt Kean** investing in **renewable energy**.

### **Warren Entsch's office**

Bells are being rung at **St Margaret's Anglican Church in Cairns** directly across the road from **MP Warren Entsch**, Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef. This will be followed by singing and a **multi faith protest** outside his office where he will be invited to sign the Statement calling for **net zero emissions by 2030**.

## 10 DEMANDS

- 1 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ALL**
- 2 FINANCE ALIGNED WITH COMPASSIONATE VALUES**
- 3 JOBS AND HEALTHCARE FOR ALL**
- 4 RESPECT FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS**
- 5 WELCOME FOR CLIMATE MIGRANTS**
- 6 NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2030**
- 7 END TO THE PLANET'S DESECRATION**
- 8 ELIMINATION OF IMMORAL FINANCE**
- 9 JUST CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WEALTHY COUNTRIES**
- 10 BOLD FAITH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

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climate statement*



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This event has been organised under the guidance of ARRCC, a grassroots organisation that mobilises people of all faiths to take effective action for climate justice.

**Website:** [www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au) / **Twitter:** @ARRCC1 / **Facebook:** [facebook.com/ARRCC](https://www.facebook.com/ARRCC)

## **Quaker EarthCare Statement**

*"We are called to consider the world as an enspirited whole, to accept no boundary to repairing and sustaining the Earth for the future, and to appreciate more deeply the creative energy in all living things and life processes. We seek to mend what has been hurt, and to strengthen our courage to discern and bear witness to this spiritual care for the Earth.*

*Friends are not alone on this journey. We must listen to the call of creation, recognise and respect the profound knowledge and wisdom of Indigenous peoples and learn from scientific understanding. We will work with those many others already deeply engaged, who make the links between religious belief, lifestyle, social justice and peace.*

*We commit to the demanding, costly implications of radically changed ways of living. Let us do so out of joy, celebration, reverence and a deep love of life."*

<https://www.quakersaustralia.info/concerns/earthcare>

## **Legal Advice**

As this is a peaceful, low-risk action, we do not expect police intervention, but if unexpected problems arise, we have provided the following advice:

- If an officer issues you an arrest warning, please move on.
- If taken to the station, you have the right to speak to a lawyer.
- You must give officers your name and address.
- You can answer all other questions with "No comment".

**Fitzroy Legal Service** - [0434 136 501](tel:0434136501)

**Victorian Aboriginal Legal** - [1800 064 865](tel:1800064865)

**Stary Norton Halphen** (Criminal Law Firm) - [0407 410 821](tel:0407410821)