

**International Worship Service for the Climate
October 28, 2014
Copenhagen Cathedral**

Prayer by Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople

Beloved friends gathered in the Lutheran Cathedral of Copenhagen, we extend to you our wholehearted greetings from the Ecumenical Patriarchate. We wish you God's blessing and peace as you assemble on the occasion of the launching of the latest, comprehensive Report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Let us pray to the Lord:

O Lord, hear us as we cry out to you for peace and justice for all peoples and for Your creation. Grant us homelands where water, land and resources are respected and shared by everyone. Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, forgive our lack of moderation as we consume more than our fair share of the earth's resources; for in so doing we bring suffering to the least of Your brothers and sisters. Lord, Have mercy.

O Lord, protect the earth and its abundant life. Help us to conserve nature and serve all creation. Bless our efforts to protect your world, our environment. Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God, look with an eye of compassion on the works of your hands and liberate Your creation from our destructive emissions and toxic pollution. Grant us prudence and self-discipline. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, we are grateful and offer You glory. For you created all things in love and wisdom. And You are truly blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.