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The World Can't Wait (CAFOD prayer by Linda Jones)

Ever-present, ever-loving God,
May your gentle spirit surprise us,
shatter our complacency
and wake us
from our dreams.

We know the time is now.

May your urgent spirit send us out,
and demand our courage;
may we set forth the stories of truth
in the face of the story of power.

May world leaders listen to us.

May your comforting spirit
turn us towards the discomfort
of knowing, seeing
and understanding.

The hour has come to act.

May your holy spirit
burn through us,
and call us
to tell even those who aren't ready to listen
that the world can't wait.

Amen

Context



Laudate Deum

global climate crisis
haven't done enough,
need to be courageous
solutions need to be impactful,

COP28

Fossil fuel phase out
Loss & damage fund
climate finance - debt forgiveness

Approaches and Framing



Big Tent/ Greenhouse

Building Bridges

~ One Bread, One Body, One Spirit in Christ ~

Covenant priorities



- Debt Forgiveness
- Forest Act
- Education around the election
- Movement

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**Climate
Priorities
2024**

Africa



Latin America



U.S. Mexico Border



Asia



Priority 1: Phase out of Fossil Fuels



**Divest from
Fossil Fuels**



**Fossil Fuel Non-
Proliferation
Treaty**



**Stop LNG
Export
Terminals**



Priority 2:
Climate Finance





**Debt
foregiveness/restructure
=
Climate Action**



**\$ for
Loss and Damage
Fund**



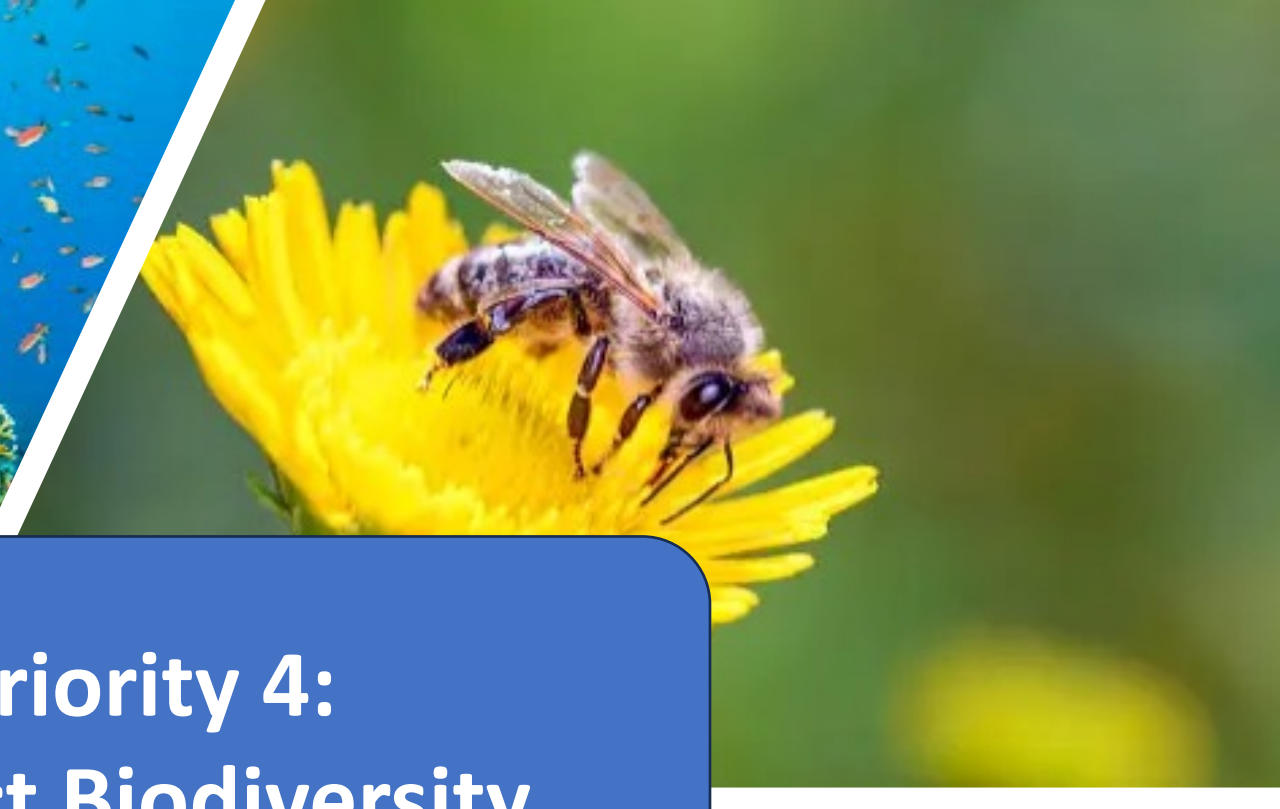
**Priority 3:
Support Communities
Resisting Extractivism**



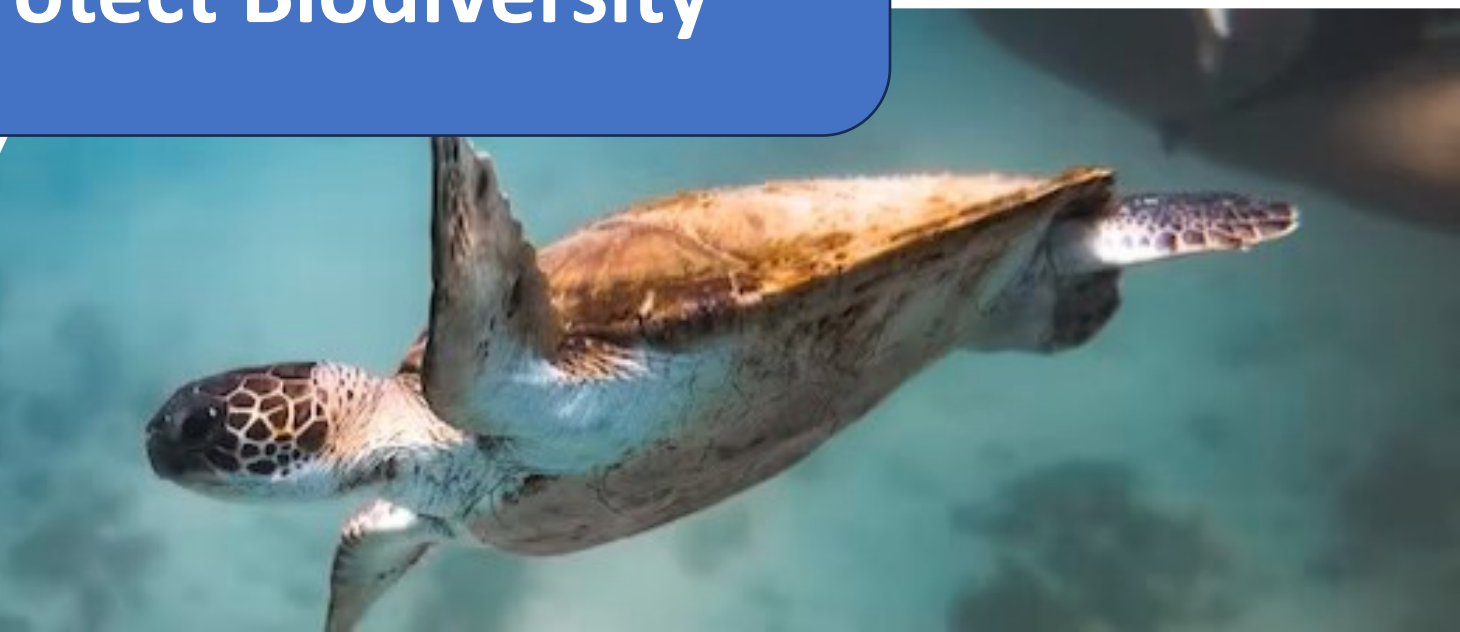
FOREST ACT



**Solidarity with Land
and Water Defenders**



**Priority 4:
Protect Biodiversity**





30 x 30 Target

**Listen to
Indigenous Stewards**



Priority 5: Connect Food Systems And Climate





**PROMOTE
AGROECOLOGY**



TRADE DEALS
**To support food and
seed sovereignty**



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Laudato Deum

CCC Advocacy Priorities 2024



Debt forgiveness – Jubilee
Electoral education activities
Bridge building (e.g., Forest Act)

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More info:

Catholic Climate Covenant

<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

