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# BRIEFING PACK FOR **RIO+20**

This pack contains resource material for Anglicans, including information sheets prepared by the Anglican Communion UN Office and Bible studies and prayers prepared by Lambeth Palace, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil and the Anglican Communion Environmental Network on the key issues of:

- Food and Environmental Justice
- Climate Change and Eco Justice
- Water

These are designed for use in the run-up to Rio, especially during Rio Sunday on June 3rd, the People's Summit first global day of action on June 5th, and during the conference.

For more information about what the Church is doing on Rio+20, check the Anglican Alliance website at [www.anglicanalliance.org](http://www.anglicanalliance.org)

The Anglican Alliance is supporting the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil in providing an Anglican input to Rio+20. The Church in Brazil is organising events during the conference, and participating in the People's Summit. You can find more information about the People's Summit at [rio20.net/en](http://rio20.net/en)





## DR ROWAN WILLIAMS, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

*"Our response to the crisis needs to be in the most basic sense, a reality check, a re-acquaintance with the facts of our interdependence within the material world and a rediscovery of our responsibility for it. When we believe in transformation at the local and personal level, we are laying the surest foundations for change at the national and international level. What we face today is nothing less than a choice about how genuinely human we want to be."*



## A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MAURICIO DE ANDRADE

The United Nations Conference on Environment – Rio+20 challenges us to participate in the mission to achieve sustainable development. And

we have an opportunity to do this as Anglicans, joining in the critical debate over the way that governments around the world have behaved in the pursuit of development.

The church must announce we need to pursue the goal of sustainability and denounce that sometimes this is not happening... We must care for our planet and protect the biodiversity of the earth.

We as the Anglican church must be involved in this and must bear witness that the subject of Rio+20 is also part of our mission. For in our Anglican five marks of mission, we also identify that it is part of the Church's mission to safeguard the integrity of creation.

The Church in Brazil is taking a lead with open arms to welcome everyone who comes to this event. We will hold a special celebration at this conference for all Anglicans and Episcopalians present. We especially urge everyone to mobilise for June the 3rd, the Anglican Rio Sunday.

**Let's celebrate and take concrete actions to progress the goals of this conference.**



## A PRAYER FROM ARCHBISHOP THABO MAKGOBA

### LEADER:

*Heavenly Father, through your Eternal Word all of creation came into existence, and is held in being by your Holy Spirit.*

*In the lives we lead and the choices we make, help us to be mindful of the impact upon your world and its*

*people, near and far, now and in future generations,*

*so we may be faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us,*

*until that time when all things are reconciled to you through the blood of the cross of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.*

*Response: Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your wisdom, to safeguard the earth, its soil and all that grows in it. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your understanding, to cleanse the air and all that breathes. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your knowledge, to find ways to preserve our waters and all that lives in them. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your guidance, to protect all living beings with whom we share our planet. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your insight, to use the resources entrusted to us wisely and well, justly and safely. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your compassion, to reach out to all those affected by extremes of weather, changes in climate, and the degradation of the environment Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your perseverance, to ensure that all humanity may have adequate food and water, shelter and sanitation, peace and well-being, and so can live in dignity, without fear. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your courage, to do all that is necessary to restore the beauty of your handiwork wherever we have damaged or harmed it. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for your grace, that each of us may faithful stewards of all you have given us, in the choices we make and how we live our daily lives. Creator and Redeemer, **hear our prayer.***

### TOGETHER:

**Gracious God, Creator and Redeemer of all that is, you have made human beings in your image and likeness**

**and by the work of your hands, fashioned the whole universe in beauty and majesty;**

**awaken in us a deeper reverence for all you have created, and renew among us an eagerness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.**

**Amen.**