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# WALKING TOGETHER: PRAYERS FOR A JUST TRANSITION





# Introduction

This prayer booklet has been prepared through the collaboration of Jesuit Missions, the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN), partners, Fe y Alegria Students from Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Guatemala, as well as companions journeying together through the ‘Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels’ Conference in Santa Marta, Colombia, taking place from 24-29 April 2026.

Rooted in the Ignatian tradition of finding God in all things, these prayers invite us to reflect deeply on our relationship with creation, the impact of fossil fuels, and our shared responsibility to care for our common home, especially alongside communities most affected by climate change.

Each day of the conference focuses on prayerful discernment, justice-centered dialogue, and courageous action. These prayers may be used communally or personally, at the beginning or end of each day’s sessions, or as moments of quiet reflection.

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"Cuidar las aves  
es nuestro  
ecosistema"



# Thursday, 24 April

## For Creation, Our Common Home

God of all creation,

You spoke the world into being and saw that it was good. We give thanks for the richness of the earth; its forests and rivers, its mountains and seas, entrusted to our care. As this conference begins, awaken a reverence for your handiwork and sorrow for the harm caused by our overreliance on fossil fuels.

Guide the conversations so they honour the beauty and integrity of creation, and inspire leaders present to choose pathways that protect and restore our common home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Reflection Prompt

Where do I see the beauty of God's creation most clearly, and how is it being threatened today?



# Friday, 25 April

## For Justice and the Cry of the Vulnerable

God of justice and compassion,

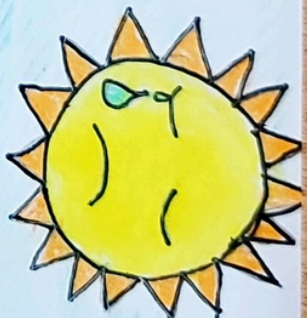
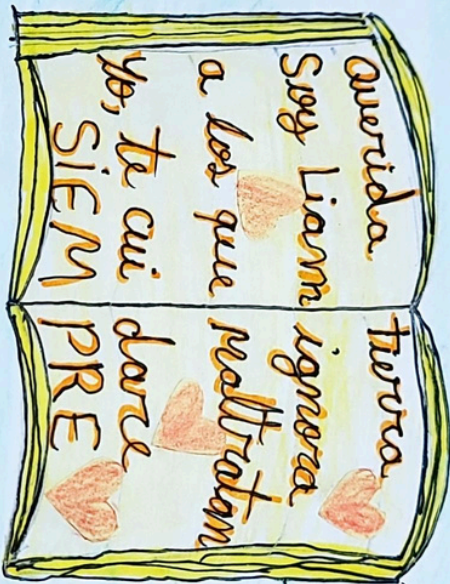
You hear the cries of the poor and the suffering of the earth as one. We remember the communities most affected by climate change; those displaced, impoverished, and forgotten, and who contribute least to the crisis yet bear its heaviest burdens.

As discussions of transition are held, keep their faces visible and their voices at the centre of the discussions. May our pursuit of new energy systems be rooted in justice, dignity, and the common good. Strengthen us to act courageously for those who are most vulnerable. Amen.

### Reflection Prompt

Whose voices are missing from decisions about energy and development, and how can they be centered?

LIAM FRANCO 610



No dañen  
los naturales

Ellos se pelean  
sin saber  
lo que hacen  
por el mundo.



"Dear Earth, I am Liam, ignore those who mistreat you, I will always care for you". Liam Franco, Fe y Alegria Guatemala

# Saturday, 26 April

## For Conversion of Hearts and Minds

Loving and patient God,

You continually invite us to conversion; of heart, of habits, of the ways we live within your creation. We acknowledge the comfort, profit, and power that have bound us to fossil fuels, often at great cost to others. Give us the humility to confront hard truths and the grace to change direction.

Transform our thinking so we may imagine economies and societies no longer shaped by extraction and excess, but by care, restraint, and renewed relationships with the earth and one another. Amen.

### Reflection Prompt

What attachments prevent us from choosing the greater good for people, planet, and future generations?



Cuidemos  
y  
Salvemos  
la  
vida  
silvestre.

Biuty 10/11/11  
Munoz

"Let us take care and save wildlife" Biuty Munoz, Fe y Alegria Ecuador

# Sunday, 27 April

## For Wisdom in Discernment and Dialogue

God of wisdom and discernment,

Be present in those listening and in the debates had, in disagreements and shared hopes. Bless all who gather at this conference with patience, openness, and clarity of purpose. May legal, economic, and social pathways towards ending fossil fuel dependence be guided by truth and integrity.

Help us to recognise the signs of the times and to choose boldly what leads to life. May the dialogue today sow seeds of lasting transformation for people and planet. Amen.

### Reflection Prompt

How is God speaking through dialogue, complexity, and even disagreement at this conference?

A vibrant, colorful painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a black and tan dog with long fur looks towards the viewer. Behind it, a blue river flows through a green valley. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains and a large, multi-colored rainbow arching across a bright blue sky with a few white clouds. The overall style is expressive and artistic, using thick brushstrokes.

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• a los  
• animales es  
• RESPETAR  
• la vida

*"Taking care of animals is respecting life itself" Lia B., Fe y Alegria Ecuador*

# Monday, 28 April

## For Courage to Act and Lead

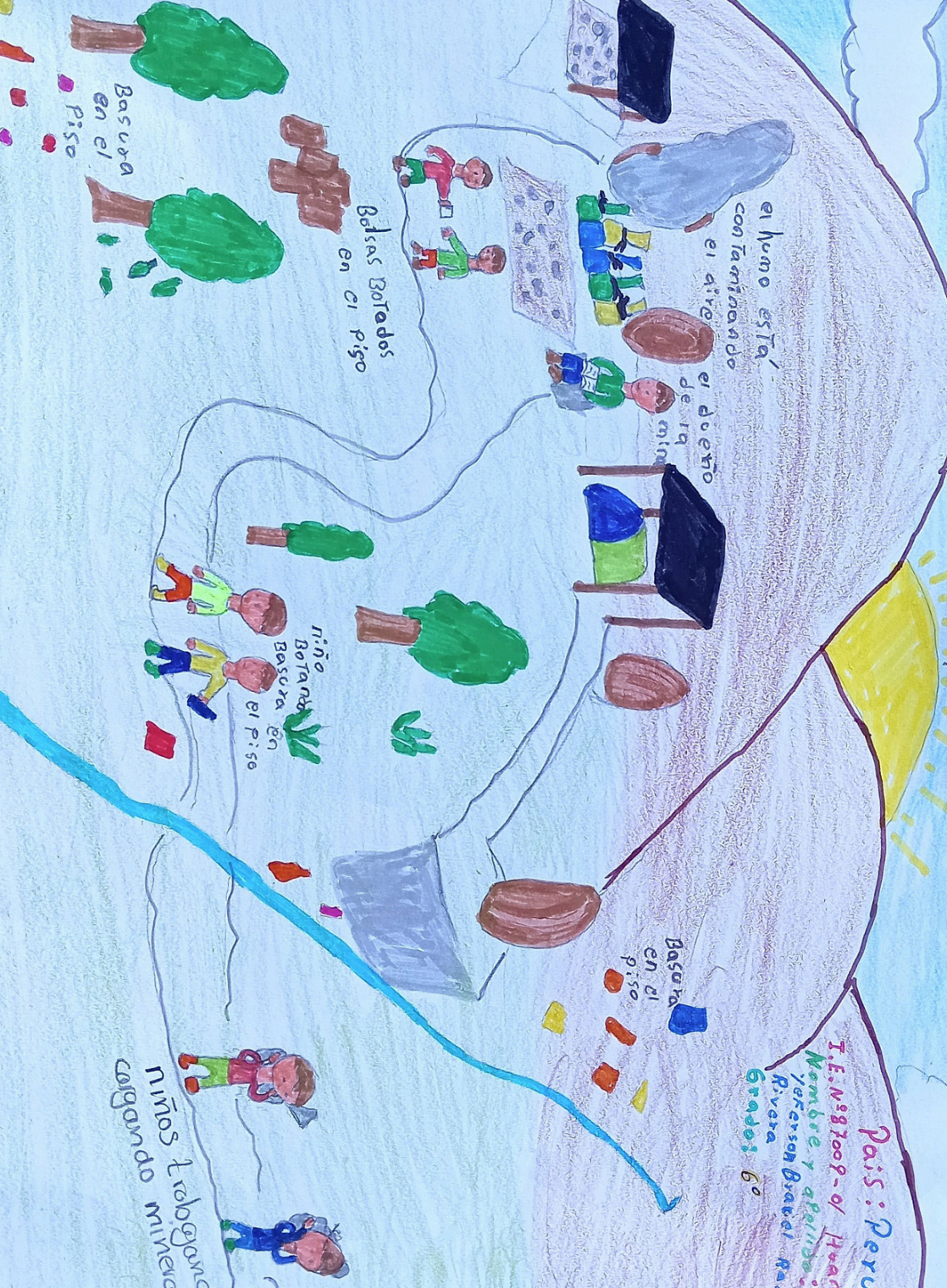
God of courage and hope,

You call us not only to reflect, but to act. As we look towards a future beyond fossil fuels, we strengthen all who lead, advocate, and accompany others through change. When fear, resistance, or uncertainty arise, remind us that your Spirit goes before us.

Grant us the courage to challenge unjust systems, to promote renewable and sustainable alternatives, and to commit ourselves to a just transition that leaves no one behind. Amen.

## Reflection Prompt

Where am I being called to act more boldly for climate justice?



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el piso

Basura  
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niños trabajadores  
cargando minerales

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I.E. N° 87009-01 Huanc  
Nombre y apellidos:  
Yeferson Braxel Ra  
Rivara  
Grados: 6º

Depiction of a mining community - Yeferson Braxel Ramos, Fe y Alegria Peru

# Tuesday, 29 April

## For Hope, Solidarity, and the Future

Faithful God,

As this conference draws to a close, we entrust its fruits to you. Bless the commitments made, the relationships forged, and the visions born during these days. Root our hope not in easy solutions, but in enduring solidarity and shared responsibility.

May the work begun in Santa Marta bear fruit across communities and nations, so future generations may inherit a world more just, more sustainable, and more alive with your love. We place our common home in your care, today and always. Amen.

## Final Reflection

How will I carry the spirit and commitments of this conference into my life and work?

"Contaminar  
corta nuestras  
alas físicas  
y mentales"



"Contamination cuts our wings physically and mentally" - Nahomi Morales, Fe y Alegria Ecuador



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