

FAITHFUL RESILIENCE



Faithful Resilience Documentary Toolkit

Over the last decade, hurricanes have intensified, wildfires have burnt stronger, and heat waves have baked our cities. These events can only be expected to get worse in the next decades. These films share the stories of coastal faith communities who are facing the impacts of the climate crisis and building spiritual and physical resilience in response.

THE FILM

[*Faithful Resilience: Climate Stories from Georgia*](#)

[*Faithful Resilience: Climate Stories from North Carolina*](#)

PRAYER

Holy Creator,

We are grateful you have gifted us another day to live and love our planet and our neighbors. We know that many people face climate injustices on a daily basis, and we ask that you surround them in safety and comfort as they navigate the climate and health impacts of our society's actions.

We ask that you watch over all communities affected by climate change, particularly our coastal communities. Give them strength, and offer guidance as they make tough decisions around their safety. We pray that you guide our legislators and leaders as they make important decisions around climate change mitigation, and we ask you to inspire those who are able to support faith communities in their climate resilience efforts.

Help us to not turn a blind eye on the truth and to instead step into the fear and discomfort that comes with advocating for climate justice for all. Protect our most vulnerable communities, offering them hope and strength.

We ask all of this in your holy name.

Amen.

KEY TERMS

- Environmental Justice: the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (Source: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>)
- Coastal Resilience: Bouncing forward to eradicate the inequities and unsustainable resource use at the heart of the climate crisis.
- Energy Burden: the percentage of gross household income spent on energy costs. (Source: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/low-income-community-energy-solutions>)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What part(s) of this documentary surprised you most? What did you learn?
- 2) If you are a coastal community, which of these climate issues, if any, felt familiar?
- 3) All the world's religions call us to care for the Earth/Creation. Where do you see your faith community engaging in creation care? Did this documentary inspire you to take new action? If yes, what are some of the climate crisis mitigation actions you might take as a faith community?
- 4) What is the Church's (religious) responsibility to the planet? To others? What do you believe our legislators (state and federal) should be doing to help slow the climate crisis?
- 5) Were there particular passages of the Bible (other religious texts) that this documentary reminded you of? What was stirred up in your soul?

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Share this film with your friends and family on social media, tweet the link to your local legislatures, and inspire your faith community to take action! Use the hashtags:

#care4creation, #faithfulresilience

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