

# “For Such a Time as This” Pray. Fast. Act.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: A FRAMEWORK FOR A JUST AND RECONCILED WORLD

When governments from around the world met at the United Nations in September 2015 to approve a “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” their objective was ambitious: “Leave No One Behind.” As the U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said in a recent report, the agenda “aims to complete the unfinished business of the [Millennium Development Goals](#) and transform economies and consumption and production patterns, while protecting the environment and the dignity and rights of everyone, everywhere.”

The 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) aim to end poverty and hunger, reduce inequalities, ensure quality education, create opportunities for decent work, care for creation, and promote a peaceful and just global community.



**The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to working toward a sustainable and sufficient world where there is enough for all to thrive. In addition to providing financial support for development programs, we jointly commit to supporting Sustainable Development Goals by engaging in prayer, fasting, and advocacy for a just world.**

During this Advent season, we are directed to God’s steadfast resolve for peace and the signs of God’s reconciling love and restoration at work in our troubled world. As we await the arrival of the Prince of Peace, Lutherans and Episcopalians around the country, alongside churches’ leadership, are praying, fasting and committing to advocate together in support of Sustainable Development Goals as part of our ecumenical “For Such a Time” campaign.

The goals will not be achieved without financial commitment and the active engagement of citizens around the world. As Christians, it’s important for us all to learn about these goals and urge governments to mobilize resources and ensure their implementation.

**Join us as we offer prayers for each of the Sustainable Development Goals provided by the World Council of Churches.** Visit [oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-programmes/spiritual-life/prayer-for-everyone/prayers-for-each-of-the-sustainable-development-goals](http://oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-programmes/spiritual-life/prayer-for-everyone/prayers-for-each-of-the-sustainable-development-goals) to download this resource.

**Learn more about Sustainable Development Goals by visiting [GlobalGoals.org](http://GlobalGoals.org).** For more information about the “For Such a Time” campaign, visit [ELCA.org/PrayFastct](http://ELCA.org/PrayFastct).

