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An Interfaith Prayer for Earth / Climate Change

[Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) and the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#) are hosting a series of conference calls in which people from all over Wisconsin can join in praying for a just, healthy, and sustainable future for all.

The first Interfaith TelePrayer is scheduled for Tuesday August 7, 2012, 12:00-12:45 pm. Register at <http://wisconsinipl.org/interfaithteleprayer.htm> , e-mail [info@WisconsinIPL.org](mailto:info@WisconsinIPL.org), or call 262-335-6533. We invite anyone interested to be part of these calls. Persons who [register](#) and will be sent the call-in information.

Prayer Leaders and Presenters on Tuesday August 7, 2012 Interfaith TelePrayer are:

Rev. Meru Doug Szper, Still Point Zen Center, Random Lake, WI  
Rabbi Steven Adams, Congregation Emanu-El, Waukesha, WI  
Pastor Nick Utphall, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, ELCA, Monona, WI  
Huda Alkaff, Director, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin  
Eric Hansen, Author and Commentator, Milwaukee, WI  
Dr. Peter Bakken, Executive Director, Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light

In light of the tragic shooting at the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, a reading from the Sikh faith will be shared during the call.

As the consequences of climate change become all too obvious; as we take action to reduce our own carbon emissions; and as we work for sustainable energy and climate policies, we need spiritual sustenance and the support of companions on our journey.

These calls (lasting one half-hour or less) will include prayers offered by religious leaders from varied faith traditions, followed by time for comments, sharing, and other responses. The second interfaith teleprayer is currently being planned for September 2012.

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Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light works to inform, train, and activate people of all faiths and faith communities to take concrete steps in response to climate change through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy in order to protect Earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure just, sufficient and sustainable energy for all.

<http://wisconsinipl.org/>

The Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin intends to educate its members, the Muslim community and the general public about the Islamic environmental teachings, to apply the Islamic environmental teachings in daily life and to form coalitions with interfaith environmental organizations in Wisconsin working toward a just and sustainable future. <http://islamicenvironmentalgroup.org/>