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OPEN LETTER FROM THE INTERFAITH RAINFOREST INITIATIVE OF BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, AND PERU

A call for an ethical, fair, and action-oriented COP 30

United in an appeal to protect life and the Amazon

From the heart of our faith and with the deep conviction that protecting life in dignified conditions is our highest spiritual and ethical duty, the partners of the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative of Brazil, Colombia, and Peru join our voices to those of Indigenous Peoples, isolated peoples, Afro-descendant communities, and local communities in general who have historically been victims of the violation of their fundamental rights and extremely affected by deforestation and climate change. We also raise our voices in defense of those who have no voice of their own to cry out: the fauna and flora of the Amazon.

We address you, heads of state, presidents, world leaders, and representatives of all peoples, not with empty requests, but with a demand: please make a true, courageous commitment that does not give in to this climate crisis that is taking our breath away and threatening our existence in the forest, in the cities, on our one and only common home.

Testimony of injustice and a cry of hope

We are witnesses to both the immense pain and the unbreakable strength of our brothers and sisters in the Amazon. We have felt the despair of families who have lost everything under floodwaters, the coughing of children breathing in smoke from forest fires, and the anguish of communities suffering from thirst, drought and unbearable heat.

We can no longer accept that the Amazon is treated as anything but sacred.

That is why we raise our urgent plea before COP 30 for actions full of courage and commitment. We ask that nations, in an act of respect and courage, take concrete and bold steps to protect life, halt deforestation and restore dignity to every human being and to our gravely injured planet.

The Amazon: the heart and soul of our commitment

The Amazon is much more than a natural treasure. It is the spiritual heart and climate regulator of the Earth. We recognize and affirm that ancestral Indigenous Peoples, quilombos, peasant communities, Afro- descendant communities, and other local communities are guardians of biological diversity and traditional knowledge that sustain the Amazon. Protecting the integrity of their territories is protecting the life of all.



COP 30 must be the birthplace of a new global ethical pact, where the faith that moves us, the science that guides us, and the politics that organize us walk hand in hand toward the only goal that matters: preserving life.

The time for promises is over: it is time to act. We can no longer accept empty promises. Now is the moment for genuine environmental transformation and bold leadership for our forests, our climate and our people.

It is time for governments to:

- Fulfill their commitment to limit global warming to a vital limit of 1.5°C, which was exceeded in 2024.
- Dramatically raise ambitions, regulatory frameworks and enforcement on halting and reversing tropical deforestation.
- Strongly promote clean energy and energy efficiency, tripling them by 2030, within a framework of a just energy transition.
- Put an end to the era of fossil fuels and the irresponsible destruction of rainforests.
- Ensure that financial support for climate action is fair and rapid, and reaches the peoples and territories that need it most.
- Recognize and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples to their territories and governance.

Urgent commitments that embrace life

We urge COP 30 to make commitments that restore our hope:

- Prioritize the protection and restoration of rainforests as a priority climate strategy
- Protect the rights of the inhabitants of the Amazon, valuing their knowledge and sustainable ways of life.
- Create strong support networks to prevent and respond to disasters, with rapid and compassionate humanitarian assistance.
- Ensure that no one is left behind without the essentials and that all inhabitants of the Amazon have access to clean water, clean air, environmental sanitation, public health, and protection from fire, flooding, and pollution.
- Compensate, strengthen, and honor fairly those who dedicate their lives to caring for and restoring the soils and connectivity of Amazonian ecosystems.
- Listen to and respect the sacred limits of nature, halting projects that bring irreversible social and environmental pain.
- Strengthen public security policies in the Amazon to firmly confront cross-border environmental crimes.



A new path of solidarity to finance tomorrow

We support with hope the creation of the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF).

We urge political leaders to ensure that this fund is a channel for delivering resources quickly, transparently, and without the coldness of bureaucracy to Indigenous Peoples and all those who are truly protectors of the Amazon. We appeal for aid that translates into quality of life, justice, and lasting conservation.

An ethical call

The climate crisis is, in essence, a moral crisis. It is time to rediscover the sacred meaning of life and solidarity. Faith, when united with science and filled with solidarity, is a powerful force capable of transforming the world.

Inspired by the search for a global ethical balance, we reaffirm that true progress is that which unites the struggle for climate justice with respect for our cultural and biological diversity and the loving care of creation.

Faith in action: an ally to save the life of the Amazon

From the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative, we call for a vital mission: to comprehensively protect the green heart of our planet, the Amazon.

Imagine, presidents and heads of state, a grand coalition where the massive mobilizing power of faith becomes a driver of action on deforestation and climate. That is the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative. And we believe that when moral authority speaks, systems will shift.

We are ready to walk hand in hand with governments, communities, authorities, and civil society organizations in Brazil, Colombia, and Peru. Together, we will advocate for public policies as solid as the trees of the forest themselves, effective in combating destruction and ensuring the perpetual health of the Amazon.

Our support is an act of service that includes:

- Dialogues for the Amazon where all voices are heard
- Strengthening capacities so that local action is powerful
- Promoting campaigns that mobilize the conscience and spirit of our people



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- Inspiring through environmental education
- Facilitating spaces to co-create the solutions the region needs
- Forging strategic alliances that multiply the impact of our actions

Let us unite. Because when faith and action come together,
the hope of the Amazon becomes a tangible reality for all.

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