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Spiritual Leaders join together for action on climate change

Mumbai, London, New York, Hong Kong: This Diwali, three Indian spiritual leaders will be reciting a prayer for action on climate change and urging their millions of followers to do the same.

**"May our voices unite
and shine with compassion
in prayer for the earth"**

The leaders, **His Holiness Radhanath Swami, Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati** and **Sister Jayanti Kirpalani** aims to raise their followers' awareness and also urge them to take action to protect the Earth.

This is the first time such a coordinated faith effort on climate has taken place in India. It comes on the day of one of Hinduism's most important holy festivals.

The effort was organized by OurVoices.net, a worldwide, multi-faith campaign designed to demonstrate that people of diverse faiths have a deep concern about climate change and to implore world leaders to respond to the moral imperative for an international climate agreement.

"This Diwali prayer is a symbolic 'light' to be shone on the darkness of misunderstanding about climate change," said Gopal Patel, director of the Bhumi Project, a Hindu environmental project that is coordinating OurVoices Hindu outreach. "These leaders are affirming that a solution to climate change represents a triumph of light over darkness and hope over despair."

OurVoices.net is mobilizing the people of the world to offer a transformative, humanizing dimension to the climate change negotiations. The campaign offers people a means to express, from the depths of their spiritualities and faiths, their love and

desire for a prosperous future for their children, vulnerable people and our precious planet.

OurVoices.net, helps people understand why climate change is everyone's issue; in the kitchen and on the shop floor, from the homestead to the workshop.

The campaign, launched last month, has already mobilized over 20,000 people from over 60 countries through an on-line call to action at ourvoices.net And, as the first of a series of Days of Prayer and Action, over 15,000 people globally participated in the Global Climate Chorus on September 21, going outdoors to pray or meditate for a climate agreement. OurVoices.net will shortly announce plans for a global prayer vigil on December 7, during UN Climate talks.

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- Follow @ourvoices2015 and #OurVoicesforIndia
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