

Pembroke Refinery Tragedy

2nd June 2011

Like many others, we were saddened this week to hear of the deaths of four refinery workers in Pembroke, with another in hospital after being critically injured. There is a tragic irony to this, in that just two days before, ICF's monthly e-mail, highlighted the work of John Davis, whose lifelong commitment to energy conservation was inspired by his recognition of the human cost of extracting and processing fossil fuels. This reality became only too evident through the tragic events which unfolded on 2nd June 2011.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and colleagues of those who have lost their lives, along with the whole working community of the Pembroke Refinery. We are sure that many churches will want to remember them in their public prayers this weekend, and offer the text below as a resource to those who will lead these. This material is free from any copyright restriction and is offered to be used in any way for those who wish to respond to this tragedy.

God of all compassion;

We offer our heartfelt prayers,

For those who have been hurt and bereaved by this dreadful tragedy.

In the midst of their darkness, pain and despair,

May they find comfort and strength

From the thoughts and prayers with which we surround them.

Remind us, as we so readily consume the commodities of this planet,

Of the human cost involved in providing them for our use.

May we never take them for granted

Or treat with indifference the dangers involved in extracting and processing them.

We pray for all who have been injured, disabled or killed through workplace accidents,

And seek your blessing

On the labours of those who endeavour to create an environment of health and safety in which to work.

AMEN