

PRIEST

Dear friends, as we await the coming of the Son of Man, let us pray in peace for the whole of creation.

READER

We pray for all who are engaged in implementing Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*, that their seven-year plan will unite us all in caring for the earth, our common home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for children around the world, that they may celebrate this week's Universal Children's Day (20 November) in freedom, safety and peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have missed significant life experiences because of COVID restrictions, that they will recover from their loss and find joy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who struggle with underemployment, that they will find their way to fuller and satisfying work. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for parish communities challenged by the shortage of priests, that the gifts of the baptised faithful may be identified and made best use of. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy happiness at God's right hand for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of heaven and earth, you made all things to share in your everlasting glory. Keep us safe in your life-giving love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.