PRAYER for the WORLD



Dear Friends,

As this magazine insert appears, the long-awaited

United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 26) on Climate Change will have started in Glasgow and Italy.

Political, scientific and religious leaders from around the world will be meeting to review progress since the previous summit in Paris.

You"ll expect me, as Chair of the Diocesan Environmental Group, to encourage you to take an active interest in COP26, but can I also plead with you to pray for the success of this meeting, for the sake of our children and grandchildren and our friends around the world who are more vulnerable than ourselves.

Here is a suggested prayer, written by Roman Catholic Bishops and the relief agency CAFOD; Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

With my prayers and best wishes,

+John

Bishop of Brixworth

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