

2 for 2022 Prayers for a New Year



Have you noticed how important things now often have a number as well as a name? Coronavirus is Covid 19 and the United Nations Conference in Glasgow on tackling the global climate crisis was COP 26.

Those two numbers represent the two greatest challenges facing all of us as we enter a new year. Covid 19 continues to endanger individuals and threatens to overwhelm our Health Services. We are all part of the response to COP 26 and the Church of England has committed itself to reaching Net Zero Carbon emissions by 2030. As a diocese we aim to play our part in achieving that ambitious, but achievable goal.

Care for one another and care for God's creation both reflect our faith in Jesus Christ who cared enough to share the life of our world. Here are 2 prayers for 2022, one for each of these great cares.

A Prayer in the midst of Covid:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

(Church of England online resources)

A Prayer for God's Creation:

Creator God, who made our beautiful
world,
appointed us as its guardians
and gifted us with everything we need.
Forgive us
for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life
affects our neighbours.

Inspire us
to care for the environment;
to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties,
joys and hopes of all your people,
so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.

(Stephen Davies/CAFOD)

With my prayers and best wishes for a
safe and fruitful New Year,



+John
Bishop of Brixworth

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