

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

1 For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church: may their teaching and example awaken us to the reality of God's abiding love.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

2 For civil leaders: may they practise true servant leadership, humbly directing their public service to the wellbeing of the communities they represent.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

3 For those who strive to earn a living, and particularly those whose businesses or livelihoods have suffered as a result of the recent restrictions: may they find satisfying, productive work, and may they be rewarded for their efforts and respected in the workplace.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

4 For children around the world: that they may celebrate this week's Universal Children's Day (20 November) in freedom, safety and peace.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

5 For all who are in transition: that God will give them courage in facing the unknown, help them to recognize the gifts God has given them, and open them to new opportunities for growth and life.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

6 We pray for the sick and lonely of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share the rewards of their love, and rest in peace, enjoying the merits of their labours.

[*pause*]

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

**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.
Amen.**