

# TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

Pope Francis calls for us to challenge the pandemic of indifference. In 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' he states that we can't serve others unless we let their reality speak to us - "to go there, you have to open your eyes and let the suffering around you touch you, so that you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you from the margins." We should commit ourselves "to small, concrete, positive actions", "whether sowing hope or working for justice." We must not get used to indifference. God is never indifferent.

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## **CHALLENGE CHILD POVERTY**

Join Church Action on Poverty in contacting your MP in the week 8-14 February to enlist their help to put child poverty at the heart of Britain's pandemic recovery. It's not OK that nearly one in three children may not have their basic needs met.

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## **LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE ASYLUM CAMPS**

The government is using decommissioned army barracks in Wales and Kent to house asylum seekers. They are sleeping in dormitory style blocks with bunk beds and are unable to socially distance, properly self-isolate, or access adequate healthcare. Mental health is deteriorating and there have been suicide attempts.

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## **RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME**

CAFOD asks us to tackle the pandemics of hunger, global poverty and climate change. As a result of the pandemic, 150 million people are set to fall into extreme poverty and an additional 130 million people will be left hungry.

We pray for ourselves: that the Lord may lead us beyond indifference; that we may dare to get involved, listening to the Lord in our prayer and then doing whatever we are told. We pray for the young: may they have a passion for justice and peace and work together for a world in which no one is excluded and no one is discarded as though they were worthless.

Pax Christi

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