

RESPOND

Have a chat at the kitchen table, about ways you can make changes to respond to the climate crisis.

End by saying this prayer together:



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
in your wisdom and love
you have given your people the gift of the soil.

In your goodness you made the earth
bringing forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed of every kind,
and trees of every kind bearing fruit.

Open our ears to the cry of the earth,
and our hearts to its call,
that we may cherish what you have given us,
care for it,
and share its fruits for the good of all.

The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor

THE CLIMATE CATASTROPHE –

CREATION'S URGENT CALL FOR CHANGE



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Leaflet One: OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

READ *Here are some short passages to read together from Archbishop Dermot:*

We are squeezing the goods of the planet. Squeezing them, like an orange. ... Today, not tomorrow, today, we have to take care of Creation with responsibility.

'Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. 'It therefore means daring to look at the crisis from another perspective: the perspective of God.

This pastoral letter is addressed in a particular way to people of faith in the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a word of encouragement and a call to action in the face of something that threatens every aspect of our lives today and into the future.

Jesus in this unprecedented crisis.

- *How do we live our faith in this new time?*
- *How do we pray, and what difference does prayer make?*
- *What is God saying to the world?*
- *What is the Spirit saying to the churches? (see Rev 3:22).*

As your bishop, I wish to explore these and other questions with you.

REFLECT

These are questions to think about.

Take some time just to be quiet and consider how you would respond..



1. *How does the image of the planet being squeezed like an orange make you feel? What does it say to you?*
2. *How does caring for the earth and being a Christian connect up for you?*
3. *How do you want to live out your faith in this new time? What is God calling you to do?*
4. *What changes have you seen in your lifetime, share them as a family.*