

Template letters to MPs

1. To invite your MP along to a Creation Celebration

Dear [name MP],

Climate change affects our homes, our heritage and our beautiful landscapes. It affects all of us, but it hits the poorest hardest, multiplying hunger, migration and conflict. It is time to say enough.

As Catholics, our faith encourages us to work for fairness and to be responsible stewards of our Earth. At [name of parish], we have been inspired by Pope Francis' call to take care of our common home and to take responsibility at an individual, local, national and international level.

We invite you to join us on the [date] for a Creation Celebration

The event will start with Mass at [time] to give thanks for creation and to pray for the climate crisis we face. It will be followed by [type of meal] in [location] at [time]. During the meal we will ask members of the parish to reflect on how we can better care for our common home and will invite them to sign a petition to the Prime Minister. The petition calls on the government to go further and faster with their emissions cuts and to set a target in law to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest.

You are welcome to join us for the whole event or just to come along for part of it. If you can attend, I wondered if you would be willing to [say a few words about how [constituency name] is responding to the climate crisis/respond to climate questions from the parish].

I look forward to hearing from you,

[Your name]

[First line of address]

[Postcode]

On behalf of the members of [name of Parish]

2. If you are sending your MP a copy of the petition

Dear [name MP],

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As Catholics, our faith encourages us to work for fairness and to be responsible stewards of our Earth. At [name of parish], we have been inspired by Pope Francis' call to take care of our common home and to take responsibility at an individual, local, national and international level.

We recently held a [*Creation Celebration/Petition signing*] where members of the parish spoke about their concerns about the climate crisis we face.

We know that to avoid the worst effects of climate change, we must limit global temperature rise to 1.5C. Going above 1.5C could multiply hunger migration and conflict. To stand the best chance of avoiding this, we need the UK to go further and faster with their emission cuts and set a greenhouse gas emissions target of 'net zero' greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest.

I have enclosed a copy of our petition to the Prime Minister that has been signed by [number of signatories] parishioners. As our local representative in Parliament, I would be grateful if you could write directly to the Prime Minister to raise our concerns.

I look forward to hearing from you,

[Your name]

[First line of address]

[Postcode]

On behalf of the members of [name of Parish]