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TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH

GRACE AND PEACE

FROM THE CREATOR OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE

OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

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As we come again to the changing of the Church year, we reflect once more on the state of God's creation. We think about the past and repent for all that we have done or failed to do for the earth's care; we look to the future and pray for wisdom to guide us in all that we think or do.

These last twelve months have been a time of great uncertainty for the whole world. The financial systems that so many people trusted to bring them the good things of life, have brought instead fear, uncertainty and poverty. Our globalised economy has meant that everyone – even the poorest who are far removed from the dealings of big business – has been affected. ($\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\acute{o}\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...$)