1. We pray for Pope Francis and all Christian leaders, that like Christ the good shepherd they will feed their flocks with inspired teaching. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

2. We pray for the peoples of Africa, that in lands ravaged by famine, drought and terror humanitarian aid will keep their bodies and hopes alive. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

3. We pray for those kept apart from loved ones because of COVID travel restrictions, especially those who are gravely ill, that the pain of their separation will soon ease. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for a new and healthy appreciation of sexuality in church and society, that loving intimacy may be the norm and all forms of abuse be eliminated. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

5. We pray for farm workers across the land, especially those on temporary visas, that they and their employers will put safe working conditions first. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

6. We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will live in the peace of Christ for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.