

PRESIDER

Dear friends, led by the Spirit of truth, let us pray to the Father of Jesus for new hearts and a new world.

READER

We pray for all Christian communities. May they offer the world the love of God, the grace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis. May his visit to Lebanon stir fresh hope for peace, unity and healing in that troubled land. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family. May the eyes of all be opened to see the spirit of wisdom at work in the wonder of creation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the starving people of the Horn of Africa, and for all people facing famine in the world's worsening food crisis. May nations with plenty pledge the aid that is needed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace. May the leaders of every nation renounce militant aggression and all forms of oppressive control. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May their hope for heavenly glory be completely fulfilled. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Bountiful God, you blessed creation with the Word-made-flesh and your Spirit of truth. Draw us ever more deeply into the communion of love you share. We ask this through Christ our Lord.