

PRESIDER

Dear friends, fed by the word of life and eager to break bread with the Lord Jesus, let us pray for all who hunger in body, mind and spirit.

READER

We pray that as the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist we would seek to be Christ present in our communities until he comes again. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray that the call of Pope Francis for a World Meeting of Families will affirm family love as a vocation and call to holiness. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those children and their families who this week will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and so produce the fruits of life in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the homeless and those in low-grade housing as winter sets in. May local communities, welfare agencies and all levels of government combine to provide them with proper shelter. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all seafarers. May World Seafarers Day, 25 June, highlight the service they give and help assure them of safe and just working conditions. (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 they be welcomed to the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Giver of all good gifts, Lord God, you bless us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Set us free for lives of self-sacrificing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.