

**PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus taught us to set our hearts on God's kingdom before all else. Let us pray for the whole of creation to enjoy the blessings of God's rule.

**READER**

For migrants and refugees around the world, that Pope Francis' appeal to 'build the future' with them will open doors to a new future. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For a just sharing of the world's wealth and resources, that everyone's right to food, shelter and freedom will be fulfilled. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they will choose to answer the United Nations' call for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For Jewish communities celebrating New Year, (25-27 September) that they will hold fast to the covenant God made with them of old. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For older persons in societies around the globe, that they will enrich the world with their wisdom and always be treated with respect. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that will see God face to face and praise God gladly forever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy and immortal God, you have uncovered your face to us in Christ. Guide us always by the light of your everlasting glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.