

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus offers himself to us as our trustworthy shepherd, keeping us safe and guiding us to eternal life. With confidence in his word, let us pray for all in need.

READER

We pray for the world-wide flock of Jesus, that all who put their faith in him will find abundant life and draw many into the circle of his love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the cardinals discerning who will best follow Pope Francis as bishop of Rome and universal pastor, that with free and open hearts they will follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for world leaders, that they will honour the memory of Pope Francis by taking to heart his ardent appeals for the earth, the poor, and migrants and refugees. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Australian community, that we put political differences aside and work together to address the great challenges of global warming, international upheaval, generational inequality, and finding common purpose. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for mothers, grandmothers, and all who have been as mothers for us, that they will be honoured on this Mother's Day for the life-giving love they have bestowed on us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are considering their vocation in life, that they will find inspiration in the holiness and missionary spirit of St Therese of Lisieux whose centenary of canonisation occurs this week (17 May). (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Geraldine Wall whose funeral will be on this Monday at 11am, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led by the Lamb of God to the heavenly springs of living water. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God and Father of Jesus, you never cease to invite us into the love you share with your Son and Holy Spirit. Dispel our fear and set us free to follow Jesus, your Son, our risen Lord for ever and ever.