

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus dares us to believe that with faith we can change the world. Taking his word to heart, let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have brought home to us the power of faith. May their example be an unfailing source of inspiration for us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have been baptised in Christ. May they fan into flame the Spirit's gift of power and love and self-control. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace in Ukraine and Myanmar and every place of armed conflict. May peaceful means of resolving differences carry the day. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all living creatures. May the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October) strengthen our resolve to protect the habitat they need to survive and thrive. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another. May we help each other nurture our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. (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 made welcome at the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-embracing God, you never cease to look with love on everything you have made. Make us faithful servants of your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.