

PRESIDER

Dear friends, wherever he went, Jesus brought healing, life and good news. Let us pray for the world to welcome the kingdom of God.

READER

For Pope Francis, that as Christmas approaches his appeal for a new human family of true sisters and brothers will be taken to heart. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who bring healing and good news to others, that their ministry of love will be an inspiring sign of God's new creation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For prisoners of conscience and all who are unjustly detained, that they will not lose hope in the promise of justice and freedom. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the many people in the Northern Hemisphere facing a harsh winter with limited power supplies, that ways will be found to alleviate their suffering. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For workers in industries under pressure from climate change, that they and their families and communities will be well assisted in moving to new employment. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised to eternal life in Christ Jesus. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of all our days, you wait for us with patience. Open the eyes of our hearts to see your love at work around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.