

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, encouraged and challenged by Jesus' teaching, let us pray for the whole human family, especially those most in need.

## **READER**

We pray for all who are poor, that whatever their need of body, mind or spirit they will be made welcome at the table of life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who grieve, that the pain of their loss will be eased by the loving support of family and friends. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, that they will find the strength to stay true to their beliefs. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are discerning the agenda for the second session of the Plenary Council, that they will stay true to the hopes originally voiced by the people of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for retired priests and religious, that after their long years of service they will be honoured and well cared for. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they be raised from the sleep of death to life in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-loving God, you sent your Son among us to bring a new order to birth. Give us the freedom to answer his call. We ask this through Christ our Lord.