

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls for steady courage in the face of upheaval and threat. Trusting in his Word, let us pray for our world in these troubled times.

READER

For Pope Francis and all religious leaders, that they will be prophets of hope in the chaos of war and the challenges of climate change. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who face discrimination, danger or death for their religious beliefs, that they will be fortified by the power of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the unemployed, those in insecure work, and all whose working conditions are unsafe or unfair, that sound economic policies will address their plight. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For creative artists of every kind, that they will fire our imaginations and enlarge our humanity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are afflicted with serious mental illness, that they will gain access to the professional care they need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . , those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and those we remember especially in the month of November, that they will be blessed with eternal peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of endless ages, you called all things into being and destined them for glory. Stand by us, we pray, throughout our earthly pilgrimage. We ask this through Christ our Lord.